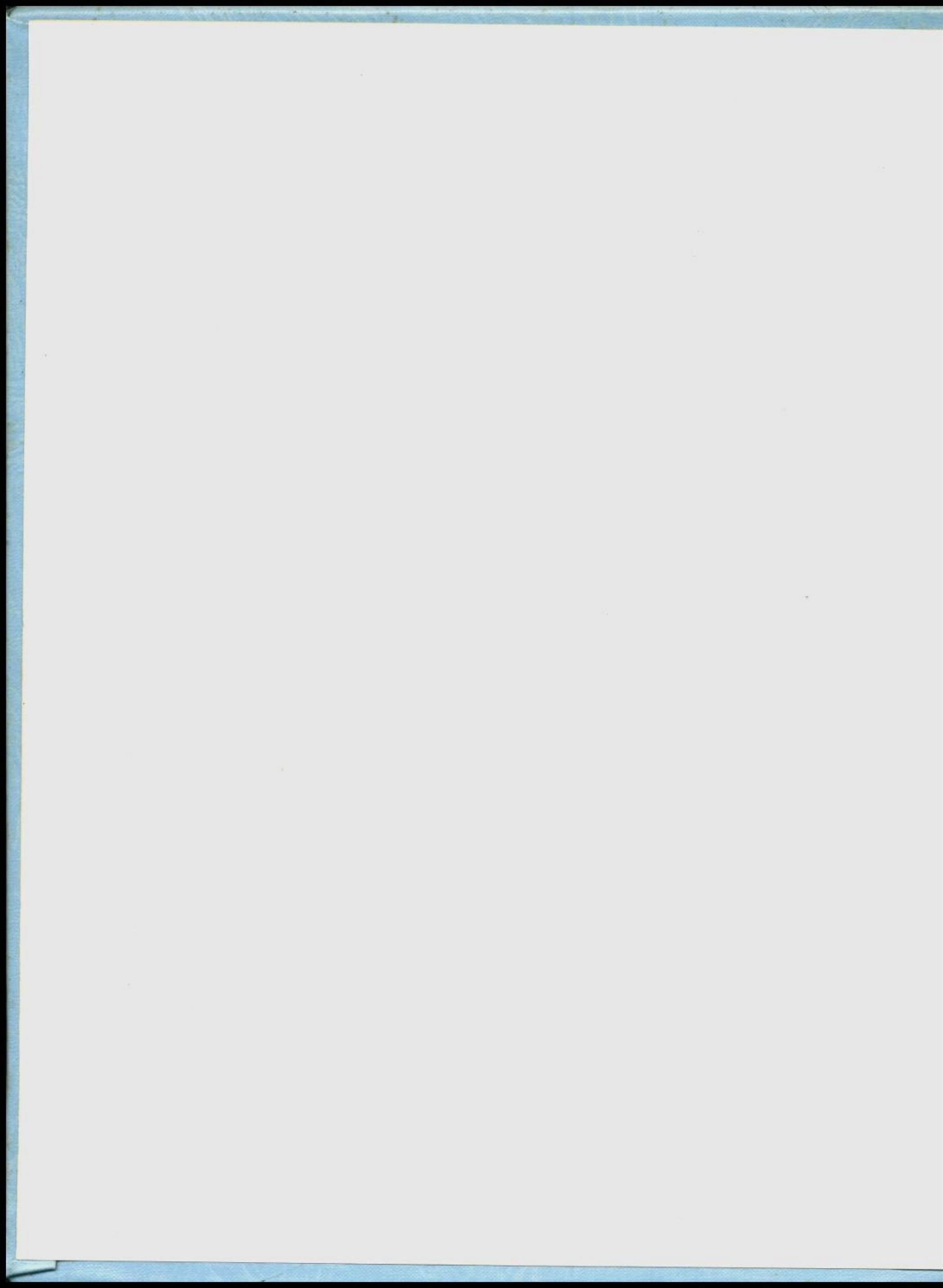




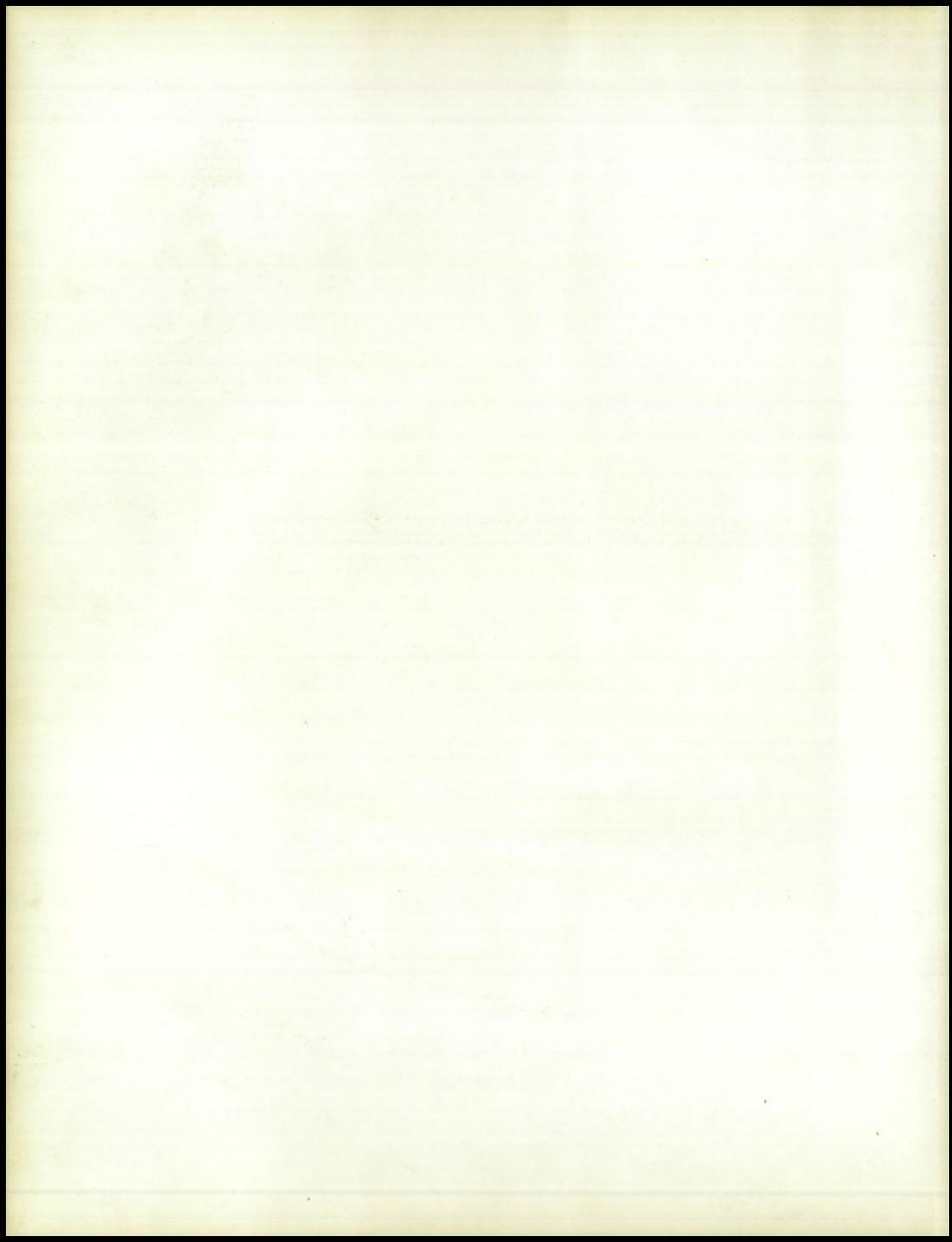
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Back! - I'm hit
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Hope you had fun at the beach
with the rest of your 'beardies'.
Come to the Rm-mart, this summer
and buy your beer! Good luck!
Friends, Roger (bulletproof)

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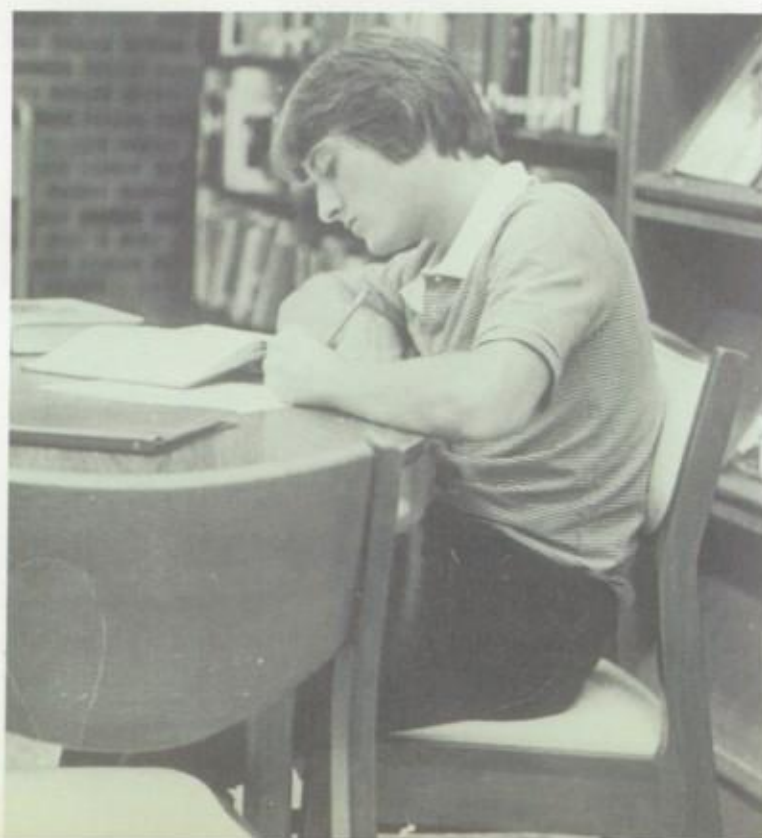
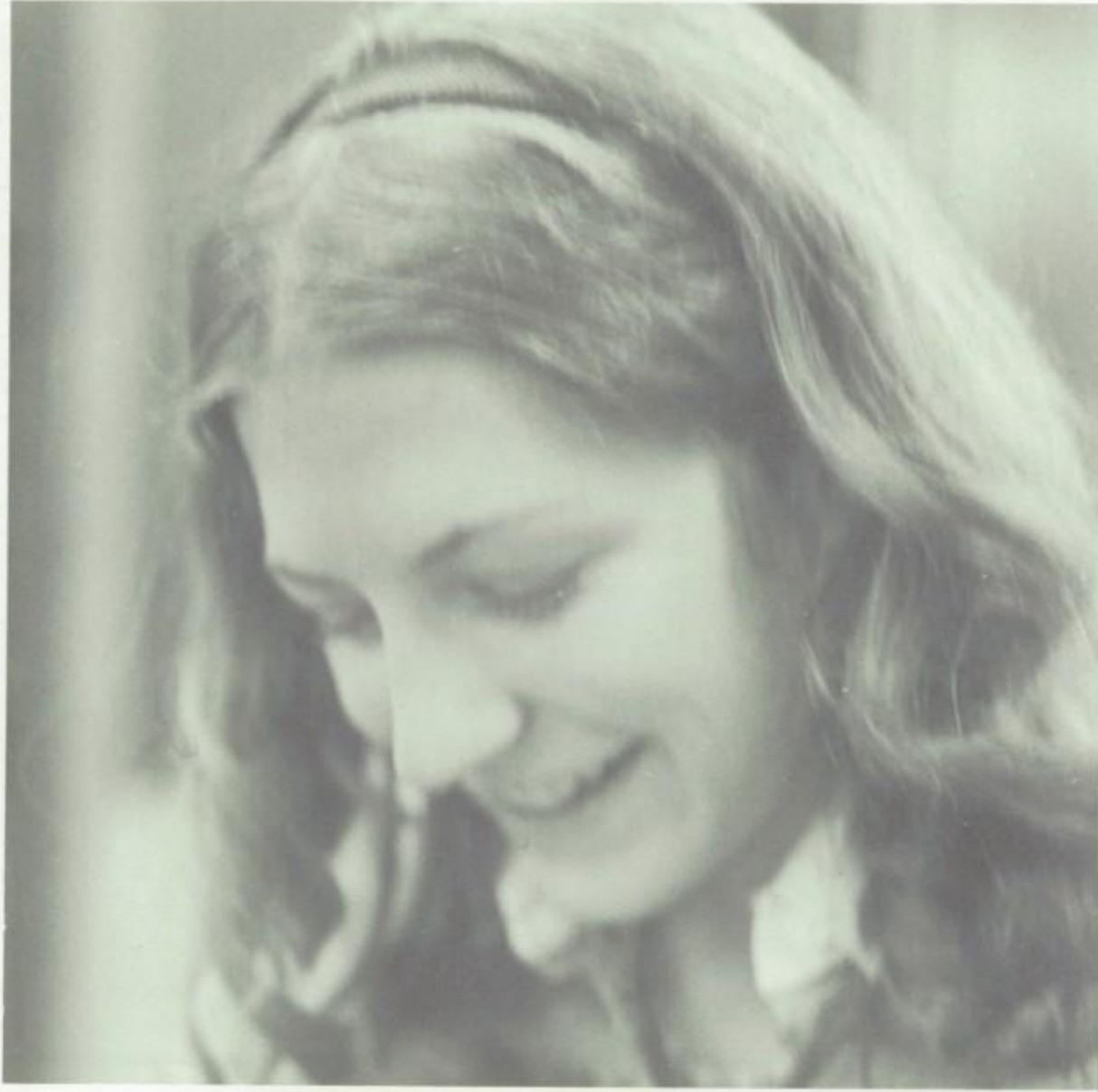
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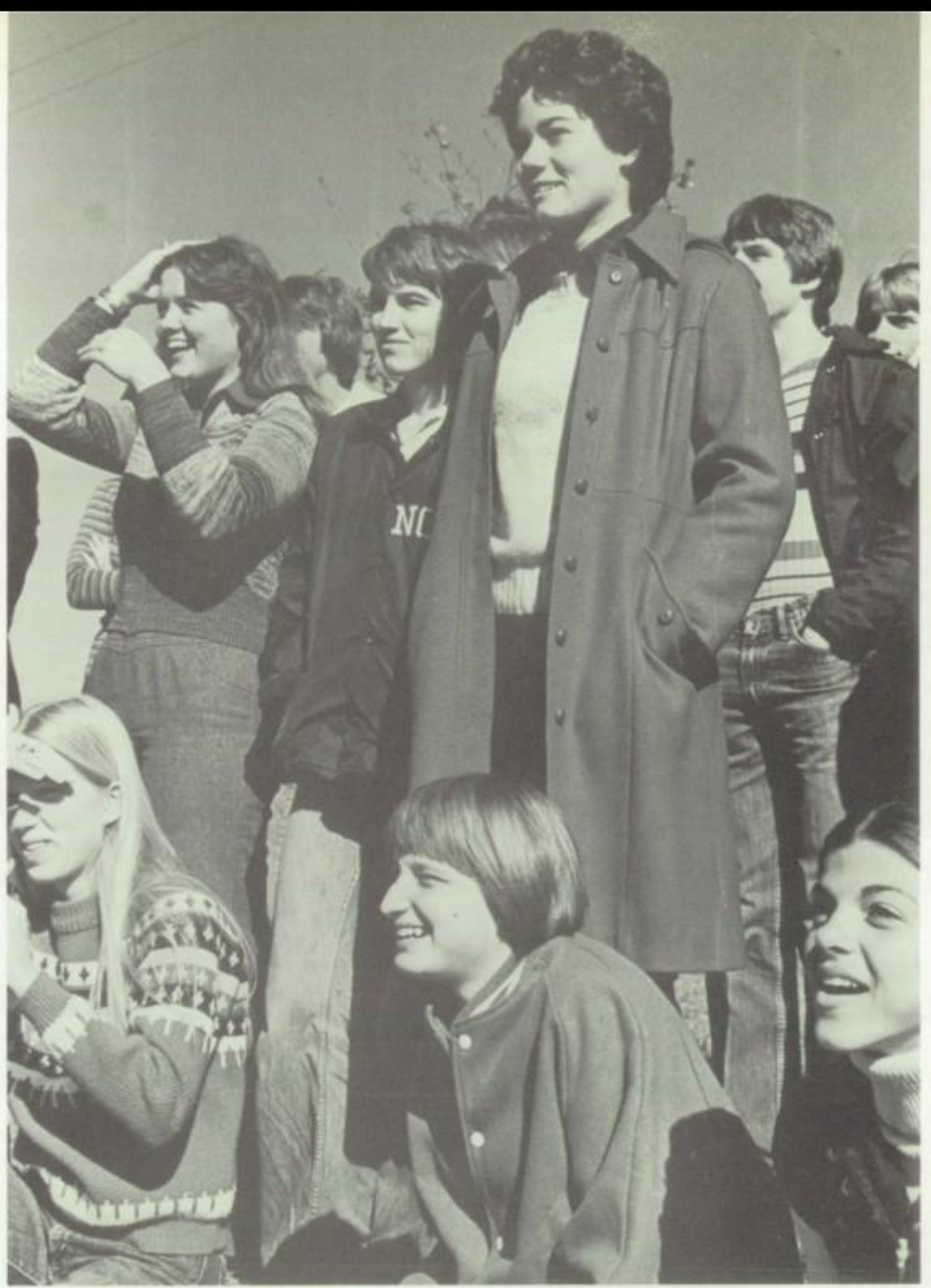


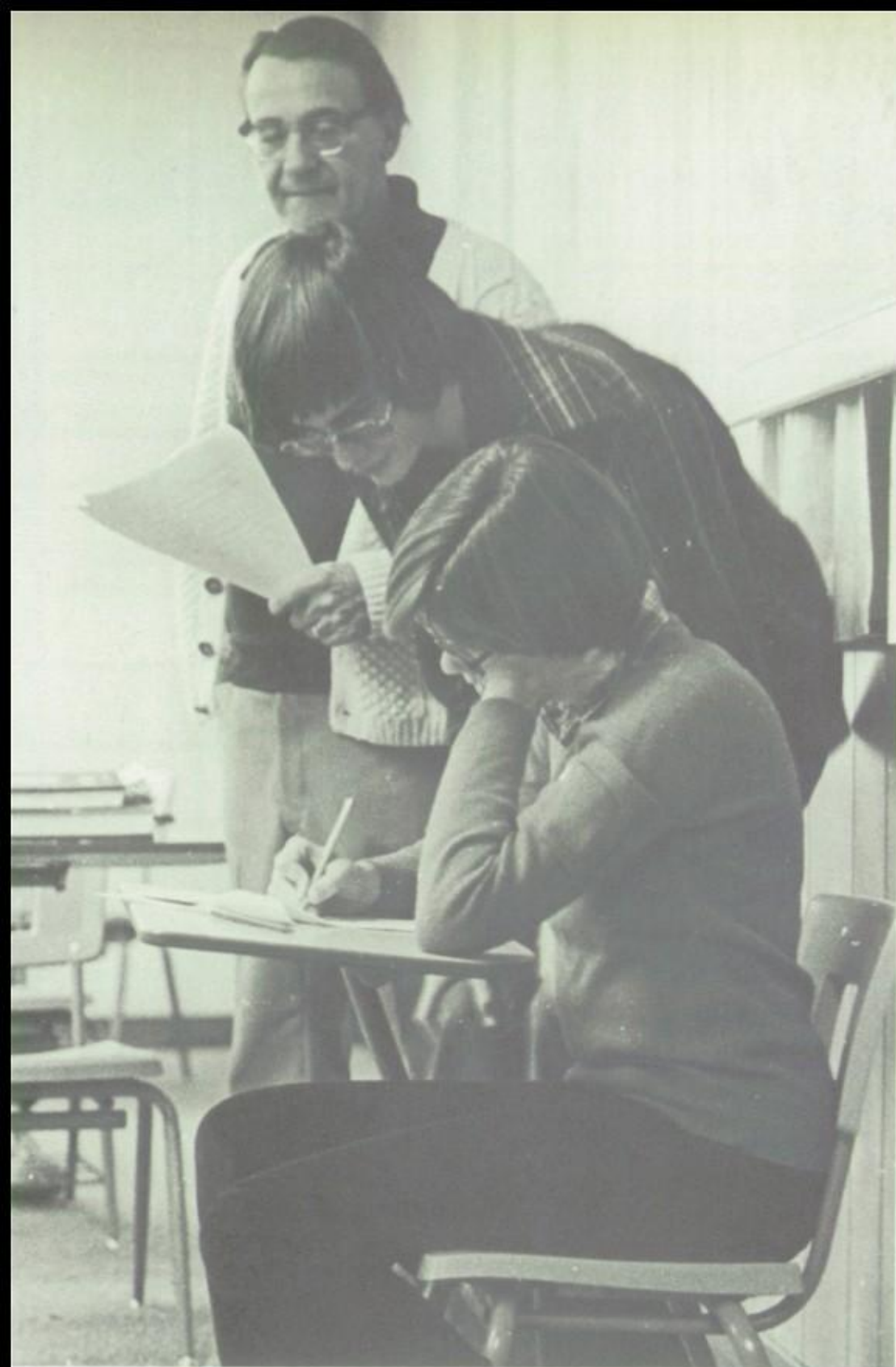
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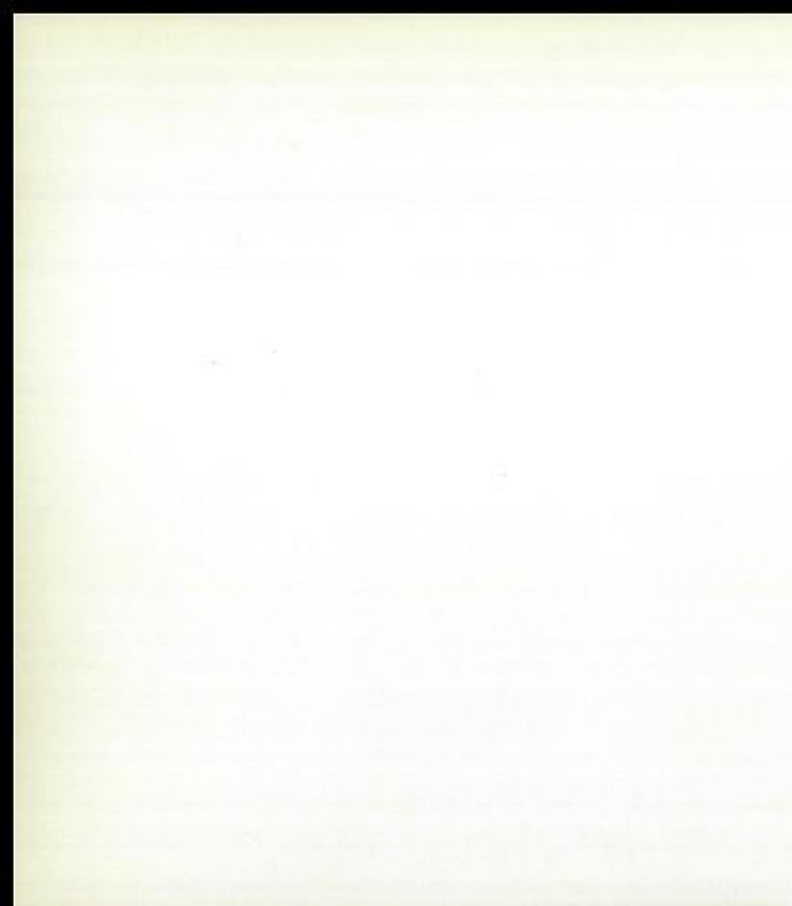






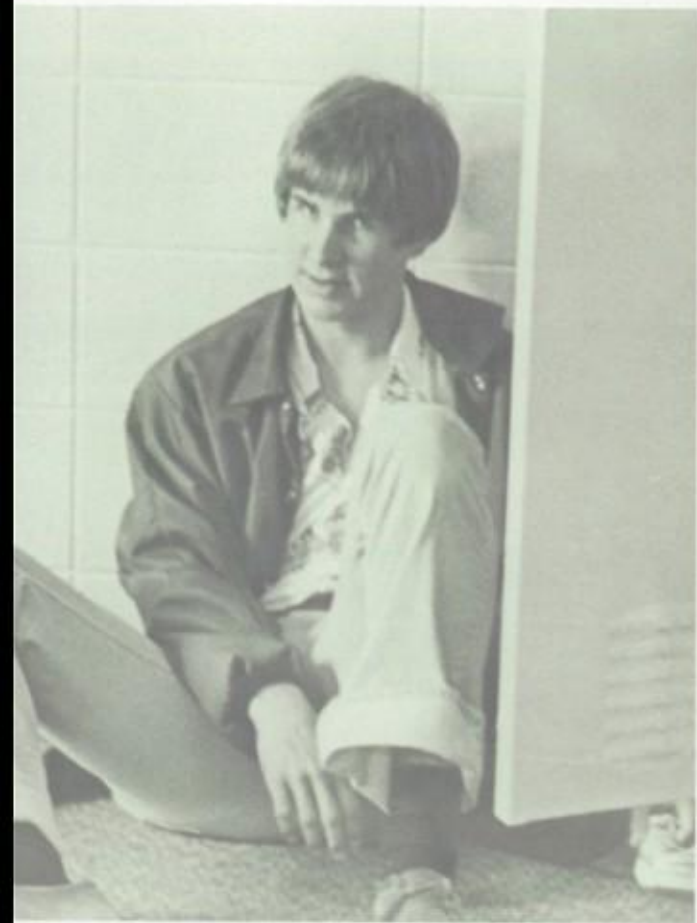
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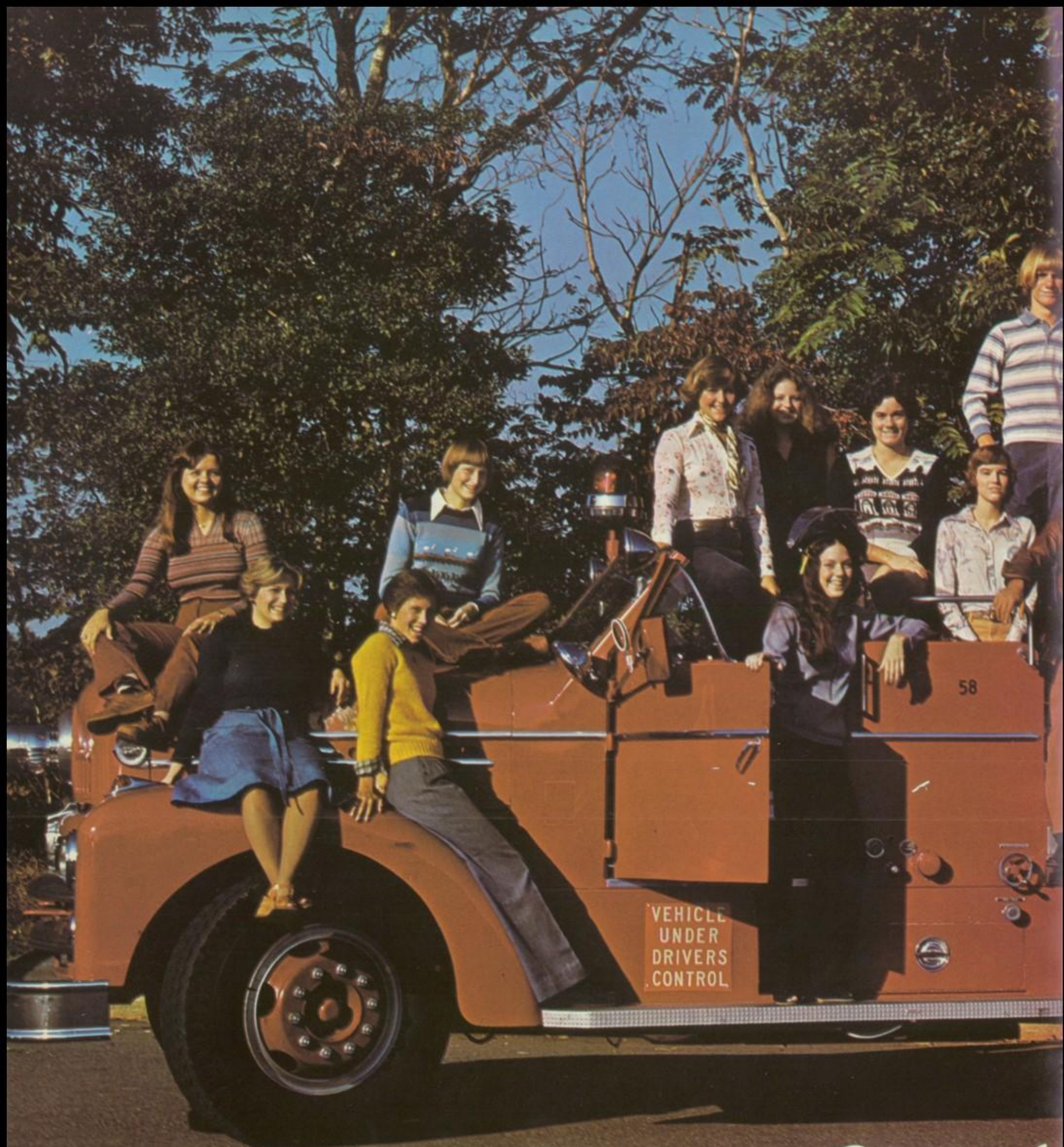


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Student Life



Independent, Responsive, Convivial,



Exuberent . . . Class of '77

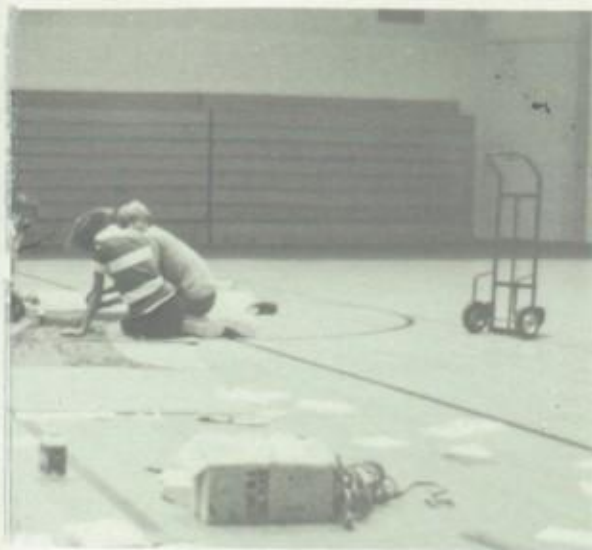


From the first bar-b-que until the last card table is returned, the prom proves to be a learning experience for Juniors. It becomes a yearlong effort of many working together:

*carrying,
stacking,
painting,
repainting,
climbing,
creating, and
cleaning.
To produce an evening of:
dancing,
laughing,
growing, and
remembering.*



Plantation" Junior-Senior Prom 1976



Class Officers: Leaders With Responsibility



Seventh grade class officers, left to right: Angela Albright, President; Mary Prince, Vice-President; Bill Carstarphen, Secretary-Treasurer



Eighth grade class officers, left to right: Ann Hodges, Vice-President; Chip Craig, President; Viviana Gallagher, Secretary; Shepard Kimbrell, Treasurer



Sixth grade class officers, left to right: David Massey, President; Julie Gray, Secretary; Marty Short, Treasurer; absent: Peter Demaras, Vice-President



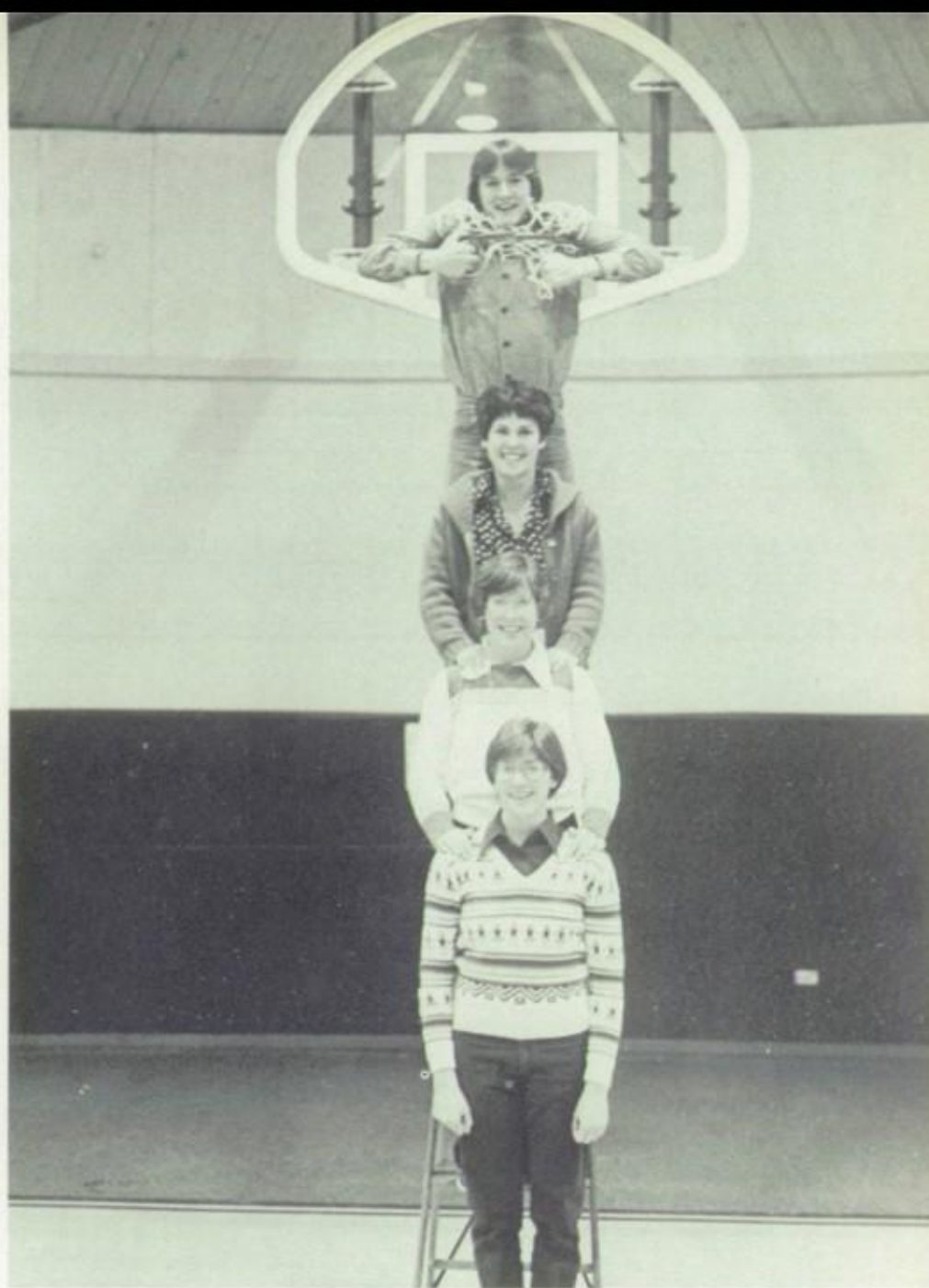
Ninth grade class officers, top to bottom: Amy Doster, President; David Whitesides, Vice-President; Alice Stowe, Secretary; Betsy Morrow, Treasurer



Tenth grade class officers, left to right: Jeff Lineberger, Vice-President; Elizabeth Smith, President; Stan Boraski, Secretary-Treasurer



Twelfth grade class officers, top to bottom: Jeanne Gardner, President; Kelley Adams, Vice-President; Fred Morrow, Secretary-Treasurer



Eleventh grade class officers, top to bottom: David Herndon, President; Aymee Miller, Vice-President; Mary Lee, Secretary; Anna Stowe, Treasurer

Just what is a class officer, and what is it like to be one? "It's an honor," says Ann Hodges, eighth grade Vice-President. Being a class officer is more than an honor. It's a great responsibility. What kinds of responsibilities do class officers carry out? One important job is organizing fund raising projects.

The freshman class has already started raising money. So far the freshmen have collected close to six-hundred dollars.

When asked what the sophomore class has accomplished this year, Elizabeth Smith, sophomore class President, replied, "Everyone has been very cooperative in raising money for the prom, which is good experience for fund raising next year."

Junior class President, David Herndon, has the greatest task of all: heading the juniors in raising money to pay the expenses of the junior-senior prom. Later David stated, "It was fun doing the projects, but I still have barbeque under my fingernails."

Each year the seniors donate a gift to the school. Jeanne Gardner, senior class president, aids the seniors in deciding what to contribute to Gaston Day.

"To get the full value of a joy you



1. Rodger Peninger's anger grows after being informed that the tasty meat on his sandwich is cow tongue.

2. Tina, Julie, and Ann prove that true friendship can warm even the coldest days.

3. "How do you spell relief?" "Q-U-A-R-L-E-S of course!"

4. "What's that new teacher's name?"

5. Classes end — eating begins.

Opposite page:

1. Showing no remorse at the fate of their algebra teacher, Juniors prepare to put an end to lengthy tests.

2. Barbie Decker, 1976 Gaston Day Homecoming Queen, giggles timidly on the arm of his/her escort Denny Wilson.

3. Convivial Seniors take their daily dose of vitamin C in an unusual way.

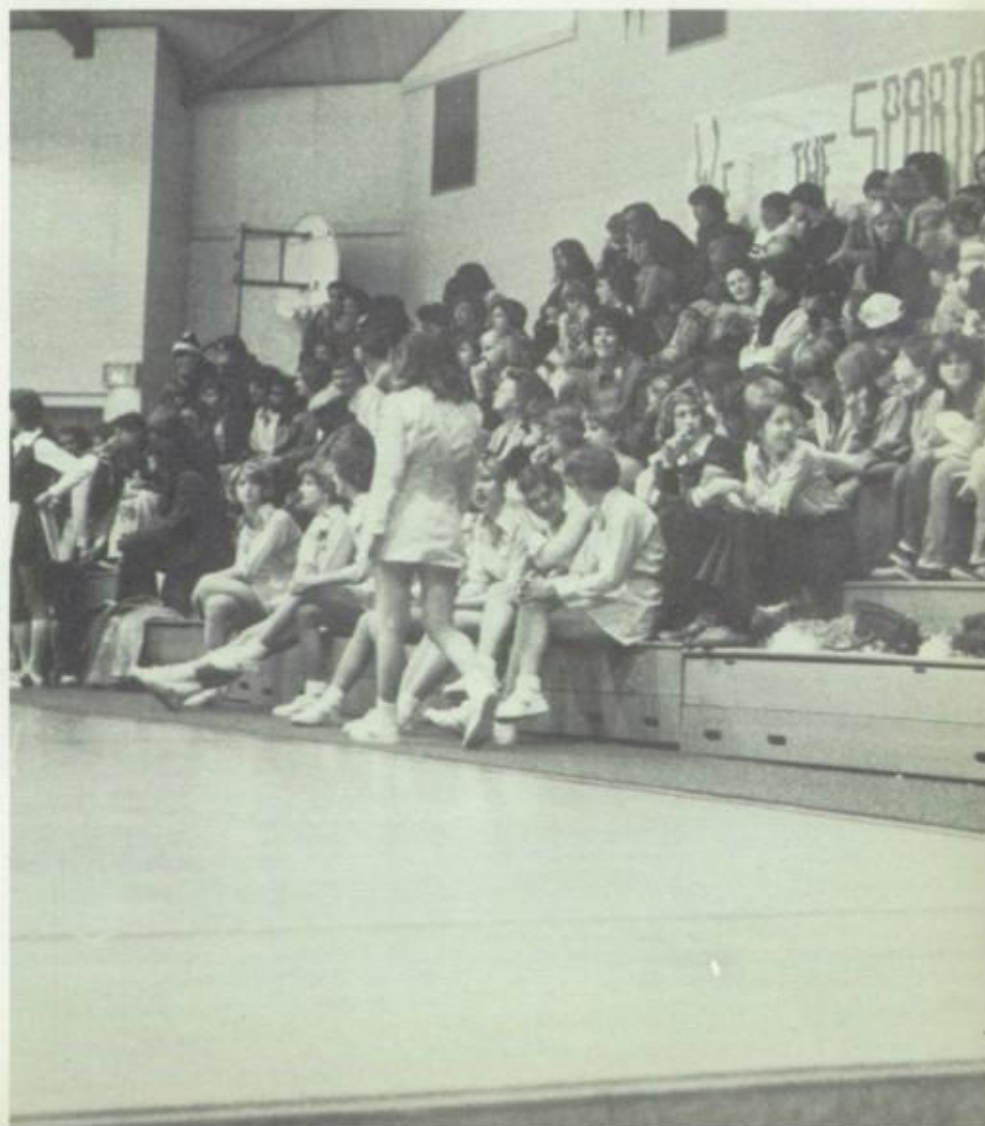
4. Yuletide spirit inspires cooperation among upper school students.

5. "We found'em Mrs. Ballard . . . Honest!!"

6. Anxious faces await the second half.

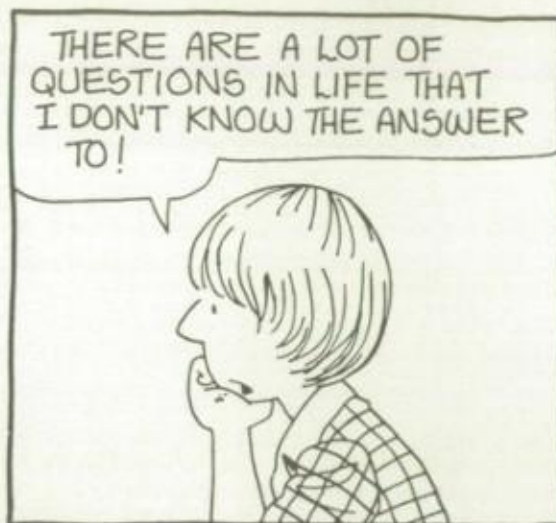


must have somebody to divide it with."
M. Twain



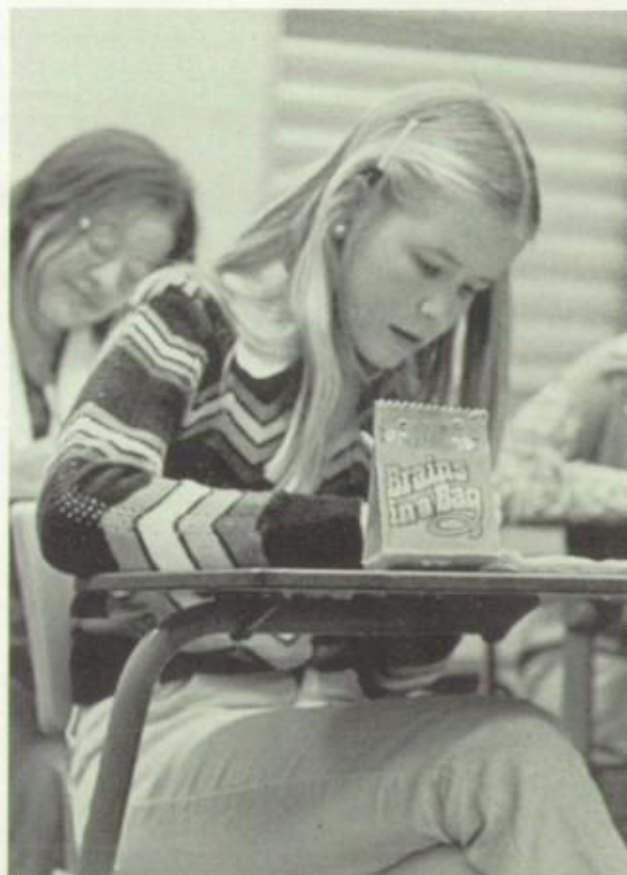
FUNKY WINKERBEAN

Tom Batiuk



Courtesy of THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER and The Field Newspaper Syndicate

*"I have never let
my schooling
interfere with
my education."*
Mark Twain





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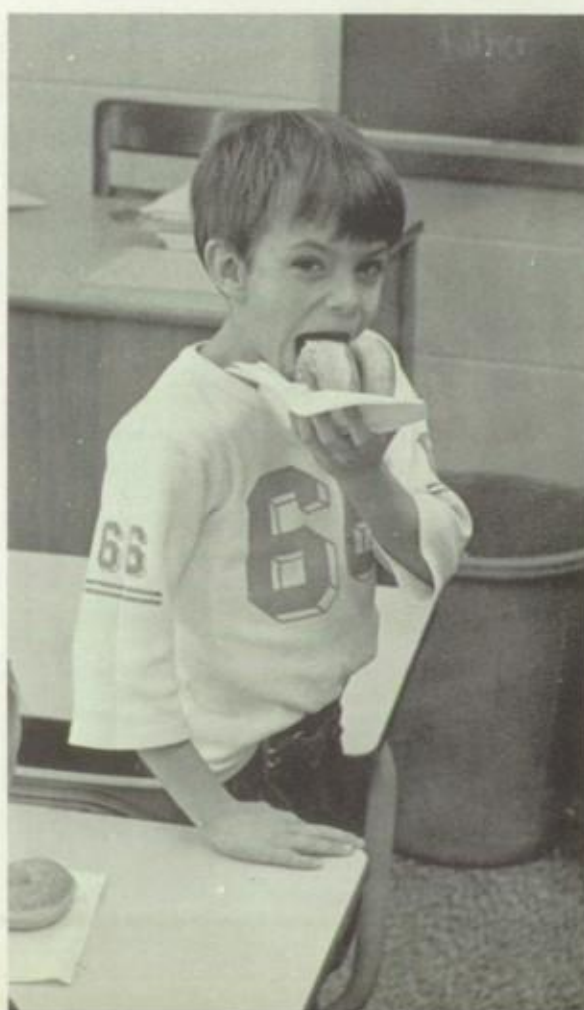
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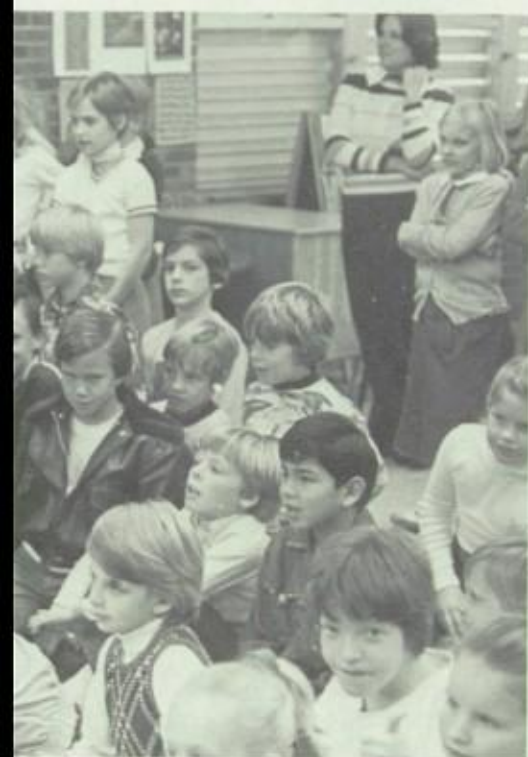
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St. Augustine

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Sinatra









*The
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that in which one
has not laughed.*

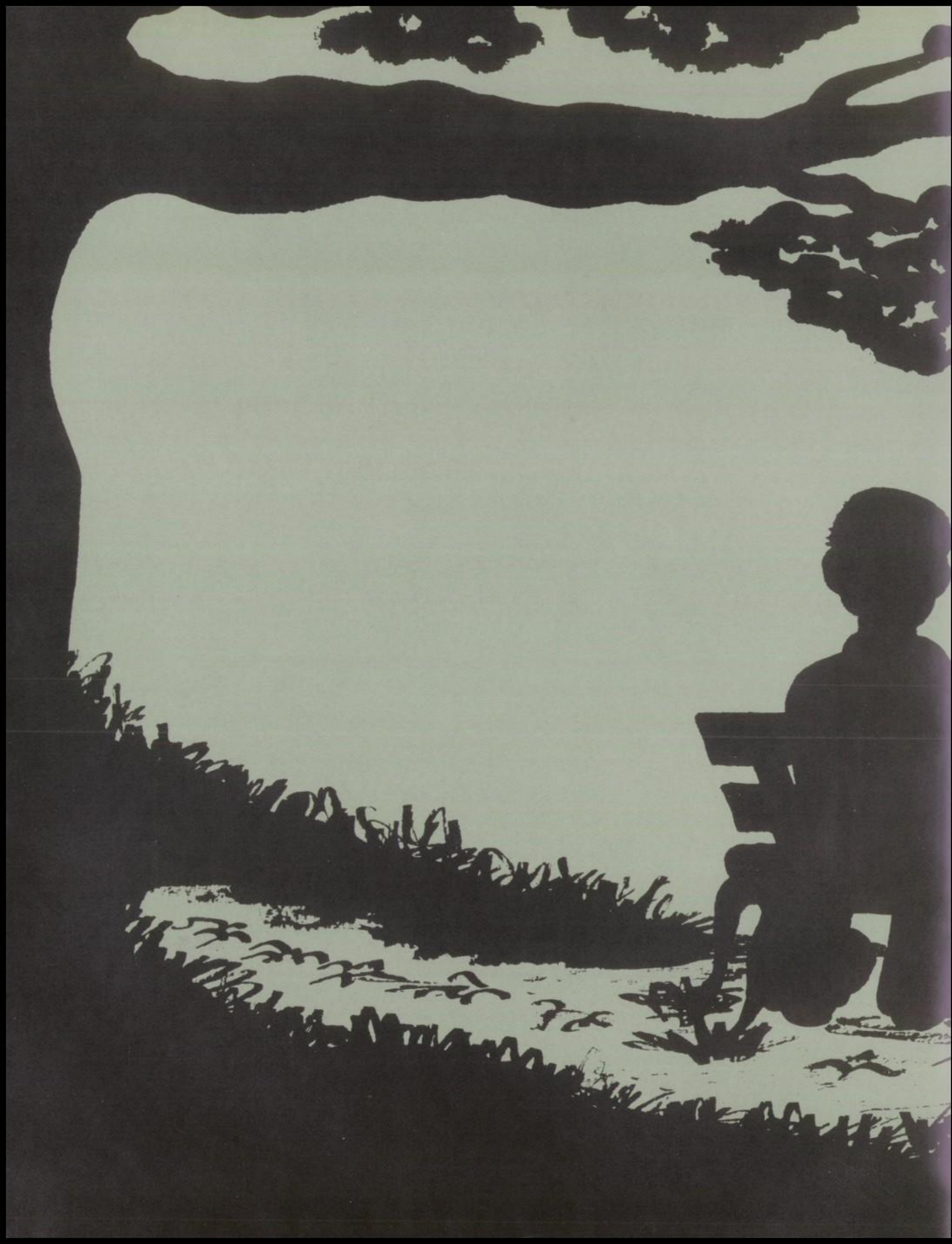


FUNKY WINKERBEAN



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Faculty

Administration



Mr. J. B. Davis, Director

"Friday, November 19, 1976 was one of the most memorable days of my life. That date a dream of Mr. Henry Whitesides came true. It was "Appreciation Night" in honor of the alumni, the students, the faculty, the parents, but more important, those whose generous contributions made the school possible. In addition, it was a night when comraderie was very much in evidence.

Mrs. Davis and I were most appreciative of the honor bestowed upon us, but this night meant even more to me. It brought back to me many memories. I remembered the reservations I felt on those January and February Sunday afternoons when I boarded a plane in the snow and sleet of Douglas Airport to arrive in sunny Miami a little more than an hour later. It brought back to me the old, dusty church building in Belmont, the friendship we had with Mr. Bill Dixon, who practically gave us the use of his Building, and his almost daily visits to Mrs. Davis, the friendships I cemented with Mr. Jim Smith, first Chairman of the Board, and those chairmen and trustees who have followed in his footsteps.

The association with loyal faculty and parents and with many fine young people through the years became unbelievably real during the course of the evening.

It has been a truly great ten years for Mrs. Davis and me. I only hope that the students of the past and present know of the pride and interest we have in them!"



"I'm a people – oriented person," says Mr. Ken Templeton, Head of the Upper School. "The thing I'll remember most about Gaston Day is the people. There has been created here an atmosphere in which people respect others. I hope we never lose that." To Mr. Templeton, Gaston Day provides "an environment where students can learn that basic respect for their fellow man. It's a place where young people can learn respect and can demonstrate respect." Mr. Templeton is a thoughtful and dedicated administrator, teacher, and coach, and his philosophy of "compassion and understanding" is exemplified daily as he challenges students to grow and learn.



"Life is what you make of it," believes Mrs. Margaret Davis, Business Manager of Gaston Day. A warm and down-to-earth person, Mrs. Davis enriches the lives of Gaston Day students with her love, patience, and understanding. "I enjoy working here and I enjoy the kids," says Mrs. Davis, "I know if I didn't work I'd certainly miss it! I have contact with a lot of people, which I enjoy." Mrs. Davis also enjoys watching football, basketball, and volleyball, and she loves needlework and her grandchildren. Mrs. Davis is devoted to Gaston Day, and she says with pride, "We certainly offer an excellent academic program, and we can be proud of every one of our students. We see our work reflected in the students."



Mrs. Linda Alexander, Secretary at Gaston Day, describes herself as "friendly and easygoing." She claims Gaston Day is a "successful, professional school," adding, "I love getting acquainted with different types and ages of students. I never have a boring day!" When not hard at work at Gaston Day, Mrs. Alexander enjoys waterskiing, baking, dancing, and hiking.

Educators

"Love is caring and sharing," says Mrs. Nancy Albright, who teaches fourth grade. "Gaston Day is an ideal place to be" she says. Mrs. Albright enjoys teaching at Gaston Day especially because of her close relationships with her students. An active and energetic person, Mrs. Albright is fond of bridge, traveling, and television.



"There's a feeling of closeness at Gaston Day," says Mrs. Carol Atkins, Pre-first teacher. "The fact that it's small and intimate is one of the most important things to me." Mrs. Atkins strives in her work "to be loving and to bring out the best in all the students in any way possible." Her favorite philosophy is, "This is the day that the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it!" Mrs. Atkins lists her primary interests as, "my family, tennis, and reading."



Mrs. Sue Ball, whose father influenced her to teach, says, "Helping children to learn and grow in confidence is exciting and rewarding. It really turns me on!" Mrs. Ball, who teaches third grade, is an understanding and easygoing person, and she enjoys reading, sewing, gardening, cooking, and watching television. Gaston Day is a "top-notch school," says Mrs. Ball, and she describes her students as being "wonderful, bright, alert, interested, and cooperative. They work hard and play hard!"





Miss Shirley Brindle, teacher of all French courses at Gaston Day, says, "I like Gaston Day because it's a small school. The teachers can get to know the students better, the students are given the opportunity to learn a great deal." About herself Miss Brindle says, "I'm optimistic. I enjoy life. There's so much to enjoy, so much to do . . . there are so many things to see!" Miss Brindle fills her spare time reading, painting, cooking and traveling.



"Seeing those eyes light up when they finally catch on gives me the most satisfaction," says Mrs. Ann Cain. Mrs. Cain is an optimistic, enthusiastic, and very busy lower school teacher. She believes that "when you smile at the world; the world smiles back!" Mrs. Cain's hobbies include gardening, reading and needlepoint.



"Get the most out of every day," says Mrs. Anne Comer, upper school chemistry teacher. Mrs. Comer is a lively, energetic, and enthusiastic teacher, and she enjoys outside activities such as skiing, tennis, sailing, and swimming. Mrs. Comer gives her impressions of Gaston Day in a word, "Great!"



"I'm an idealist, I expect a lot of myself," says Mr. Mike Connelley. Mr. Connelley, new to the faculty this year, is very important to the physical education program at Gaston Day. He says that Gaston Day School is "a nice place full of nice people," and he loves to see his students enjoy their classes. Mr. Connelley enjoys weight lifting, reading, and all sports.

"In every individual there is a lot of good if you take the time to find it," says Mrs. Dottie Coyle, Gaston Day's new Spanish and grammar teacher. "I'm interested in each individual student. I feel that most of the kids here are here to get a good education and are cooperative in that respect." Aside from her active interest in her work, Mrs. Coyle enjoys tennis, bridge, needlepoint, swimming, and reading.



Mrs. Rosemary Easton, science, geography, and literature teacher, says, "I enjoy sharing learning experiences with students." Mrs. Easton adds, "I very much enjoy the subjects I teach." Among her many interests are needlework and cooking.



Miss Katrinia Furr, teacher of second grade at Gaston Day, enjoys "Everything — tennis, swimming, I love to read and paint." Of herself she says, "I'm an idealist and an extremist. I always expect too much of others — that's one of my faults." Miss Furr adds, "I enjoy working with children. I enjoy the small things about teaching — seeing a child understand a new fact." Among her favorite quotations is one of Eleanor Roosevelt: "Life's got to be lived — that's all there is to it."



Miss Jenny Garrison, third grade teacher, says she is an "energetic, optimistic, sensitive person," and she enjoys camping, tennis, reading, art, and dancing. Her favorite philosophy is "Don't take life too seriously." Her love of children influenced her to teach, and she praises the close relationships of the faculty, parents, and students at Gaston Day.





Mathematics teacher Mr. Henry Gass believes that Gaston Day is a well-run school and he thinks that Mr. Davis does an excellent job as Director. He likes the liberal aspects of the school, upper classmen priveleges, and the size of classes. Mr. Gass was influenced to teach "partially by my grandfather, a professor at the University of the South, and by my previous coaching experiences working with children."



Mrs. Bonita Jacob, lower school music teacher, says "I live each day as it comes. I am a musical, hardworking, creative person." In her free time, Mrs. Jacob enjoys tennis, reading, bridge, and waterskiing. The opportunities for self-expression influenced Mrs. Jacob to teach, and of Gaston Day she says, "Gaston Day is very friendly, appreciative (both teachers and students), cooperative, and fun place to work."



Lower school teacher Mr. Jim Henderson considers himself to be a flexible, open person, committed to change. "Always do your best in every situation," says Mr. Henderson. Of teaching he says, "I am simply taking advantage of an opportunity to make a difference in the world." Seeing children mature in their outlook on life gives Mr. Henderson the greatest satisfaction in his work. He believes, "Gaston Day is a place where a lot of people are on the move and going places and I think it's an exciting place to be."

Mrs. Judy Joye, Athletic Director of Gaston Day, says that the best things about Gaston Day are "the size, the many advantages of smaller classes, and the closeness between students and faculty." She favors a philosophy of "Do unto others as you will have them do unto you." Mrs. Joye believes herself to be energetic, and she enjoys any sport, especially basketball and waterskiing. She was influenced to teach "partially by a scholarship, and also by my interest in sports, Physical education, and coaching."

"I think the main purpose of teaching is to help youngsters to mature and to cope with whatever faces them in life . . . I enjoy learning and I enjoy helping other people to learn," says Mrs. Eunice Kilpatrick, English and literature teacher. Mrs. Kilpatrick believes that "literature can serve a purpose to help the student learn more about himself." Her philosophy of educating the young is "to teach youngsters to conform to imposed discipline and later to impose discipline on themselves." To help her students remember to bring books, pens, assignments, etc. to class, Mrs. Kilpatrick formed the "Mnemonics Club." Several new library books have been purchased for Gaston Day with proceeds from the Mnemonics Club. Mrs. Kilpatrick, a dedicated teacher, inspires in her students great respect for others and love of knowledge.

Mrs. Marty Leonard, Gaston Day Librarian, says she takes "each day and event as it comes." Mrs. Leonard says she is a "quiet, creative, hardworking person who enjoys working with children and new ideas." Mrs. Leonard enjoys needlepoint, bridge, and waterskiing in her spare time.





Pre-first teacher Mrs. Pat McCloskey says her personal philosophy is, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of," a quotation of Tennyson. Mrs. McCloskey sees herself as a "happy, energetic, decisive, and hard-working person," and she enjoys cooking, spectator sports at Gaston Day, bridge, and raising her six children. Of Gaston Day she says, "For eight years Gaston Day has consumed a large part of my life – I wouldn't be here if I didn't love it!"



Journalism teacher Mrs. Madrie McRainey believes in the philosophy "Live and let live." Mrs. McRainey says she is a "fun-loving, hardworking person who enjoys contact with young people because they are fresh and uninhibited, and say things the way they are." Of Gaston Day Mrs. McRainey says, "The facilities are great . . . there is a world of talent and knowledge in the teachers. I enjoy the way life teachers share and confer with each other; sometimes just talking helps to alleviate a problem."



First grade teacher Mrs. Bootie Morrow shares a philosophy from the Jaycee Creed: "Faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life." She describes herself as a "happy, gentle, loving, and sensitive person," and she enjoys handwork, bridge, spectator sports at Gaston Day, and being with her family. Her love of children influenced her to teach, and she says, "Gaston Day is an excellent school with a dedicated faculty. The children have a strong desire to learn."



*Mrs. Kay Moss, science and math teacher, believes that it is best to "Look for the silver lining." She is "curious, shy, and enthusiastic," and she enjoys nature study, hiking, rock and fossil collecting, old-time crafts and customs, and needlework. Mrs. Moss says, "Teaching keeps me on my toes, studying." She believes that Gaston Day gives a quality education and she emphasizes that she believes in "quality and tradition." **

"I'm generally optimistic. I believe everything eventually changes for the better. Just as individuals struggle for improvement, so does society," says Mr. Ramon Nusser, teacher of History, Social Studies, and Economics. Mr. Nusser is a dedicated and caring individual, and he hopes to be remembered as "someone who's fair and reasonable. I place a great emphasis in my attitudes toward people on the rational. I believe that given time, people will eventually do the right thing." Mr. Nusser has traveled throughout the world to every country in Europe, also to Canada, Mexico, North Africa, the Middle East, The Soviet Union, the Iron Curtain countries, and Switzerland. "As a teacher," Mr. Nusser says, "you're constantly aware of the tremendous trust placed in your hands. You feel and hope that you have had some small part in the development of another human being."

Mrs. Judy Planer, who teaches geography, history, and literature, describes herself as "a basically happy person. I enjoy life and doing new things." Among her hobbies are tennis and water sports. She adds, "You name it, I like to do it!" Having taught three years in a public school in Raleigh, Mrs. Planer is quick to include small classes as one of her favorite things about Gaston Day. "The students' needs are better understood, and the administration takes a special interest in the students. The students are free to develop as much as they want to." Mrs. Planer says that she enjoys seeing "the satisfaction the kids have when they understand a concept. I also enjoy personal contact with students because I like people." She concludes that her philosophy is to "accept each day as it comes."

Teacher of literature and Latin at Gaston Day, Mr. Joe Porter has a truly interesting favorite quotation, "None of them knew the color of the sky, 'from Crane's 'The Open Boat.' A lot of people do not really know what's going on around them these days," he claims. "That sentence reflects this feeling." Mr. Porter considers himself someone who "likes others." He accounts his main influence to teach as "being close to teachers in high school. They were interested in me. I like to think I can repay that." Today, he says, "I find a lot of satisfaction in teaching. I never look at it as being work." His outside interests include tennis, bridge, and skiing.

Second grade teacher Mrs. Kay Ragan describes herself "an optimist. I enjoy meeting people and making friends." She finds great personal satisfaction in teaching. "Although some people are born to teach, I would have done it even without the training I received. I enjoy seeing children's progress, and watching them grow — they grow so much in second grade!" According to Mrs. Ragan, Gaston Day is "excellent. How could I say less? The upper school students are so friendly, both to the children and faculty, and I often hear excellent reports of former Gaston Day students' progress in college." Mrs. Ragan is a firm believer that "practice makes perfect, if you practice correctly."





Mrs. Mary Ray, who was a faculty member of Gaston Day for three years, now directs the Gaston Day Chorus, "I'm glad that I am directing the Chorus because it keeps me in contact with the school." She says, "I guess I just like being with people. Music and people are tied for number one on my list of favorite things." Mrs. Ray believes in the philosophy of "Love one another as you love yourself," and she says she likes to "sing, talk, play bridge, and play tennis."



A new addition to the faculty, Mr. David Richardson teaches math and coaches junior varsity basketball. "I love to sail in the summer, also reading and watching television," he says of his spare time interests. His favorite quote is 'Life is beautiful. Live it and so be it until death do us part.' It's by an anonymous author in Harlem and was written on a wall." Mr. Richardson hopes someday to be a headmaster, and he says, "I love working with kids. I believe in private education and I enjoy seeing a kid develop and still have a good time. There's a very fine line between being a teacher and a student; I like to make that line as fine as possible without breaking it."



Teacher of seventh grade, sophomore, and senior biology, Mr. Harry Simmerman considers himself to be "an individualist. I always try to look on the bright side of things, so I guess I'm an optimist. I'm interested in sports and I enjoy coaching, particularly the younger kids. Also, I like to hike with my family. We enjoy getting back to the basics." Of Gaston Day he says, "I've enjoyed the four years that I have taught here. Gaston Day offers a well-versed program of study in both academics and athletics for students." His favorite quote? "To thine own self be true; it must follow as night the day, thou cannot thence be false to any man."

Mrs. Nancy Smith, teacher of sixth grade grammar and ninth grade history says, "I would hope that I am sensitive to the needs of others; I like to be thought of as a caring person." Mrs. Smith takes as much advantage of her spare time as possible: "I take piano at Sacred Heart and I love to paint." Of Gaston Day she says, "We have a fine, congenial faculty, pleasant surroundings, a small student body, and a very friendly atmosphere. By teaching, I hope that I can inspire my students with a desire to know more about the world. I feel that if you take a sincere, positive interest in the students, they will try to live up to that image. I'm teaching a wonderful group of children this year; they are positive."



Fifth grade teacher Mrs. Mary Stewart's daily goal is "to do the best I can in anything I do." She considers herself to be "a perfectionist, though not always successful. I'm a true Capricorn; I enjoy nature and am basically an earthy person." Of Gaston Day she says, "I like the availability of teaching materials . . . I think the older children have a good influence on the younger children." Mrs. Stewart enjoys antiques and spending time with her family. "We do a lot of things together," she says.



This year is special to Mrs. Janie Stiles because "it's my second year here and I feel acclimated to the school and how things are done." A friendly and outgoing person, she describes herself as "energetic." Mrs. Stiles has many hobbies including needlepoint, oil painting, and tennis. Mrs. Stiles enjoys "helping the children and preparing them for Upper School. I get great satisfaction when they come back and tell me that they were prepared." Mrs. Stiles believes that in education, "The basics are very important. I believe in teaching good manners and discipline as well as book knowledge."





An enlightening teacher, Mr. Jerry Stockdale is a newcomer to Gaston Day. "I love ideas," says Mr. Stockdale, who teaches English. "I love to read. That's probably my favorite hobby. I like to think, I love to be stimulated by the things I read. I hope to transmit these feelings to other people." On education: "I agree with the current trends to return to fundamentals in education. The schools have got to get back to basics." Mr. Stockdale's favorite emotion is awe, "I enjoy the feeling of awe that I have before many things in nature, and before many pieces of literature and art." In keeping with the Gaston Day tradition, Mr. Stockdale is a unique and exuberant teacher. Two lines from the poem "If" by Rudyard Kipling are especially meaningful to Mr. Stockdale: "If you can dream—and not make dreams your master; If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim; . . ."



"Gaston Day is a lovely place to work and just to be," says Mrs. Rose Whitesides, teacher of art. "I think we have a good philosophy of education. I do think we put first things first." Mrs. Whitesides believes that enthusiasm is the key to effective learning. "I love art," she declares, "I'm enthusiastic about art." She adds, "You have to get worked up in it yourself before it transmits to the children. I hope to get across to my students a knowledge of the techniques in different media—paint, charcoal, watercolor, and I hope they'll develop a positive attitude towards art." Mrs. Whitesides believes that "you can study history artistically," and she incorporates this philosophy in her teaching. She does not hesitate to express her affection for her students, "Oh they're sweet and nice and I love them!"

Custodians

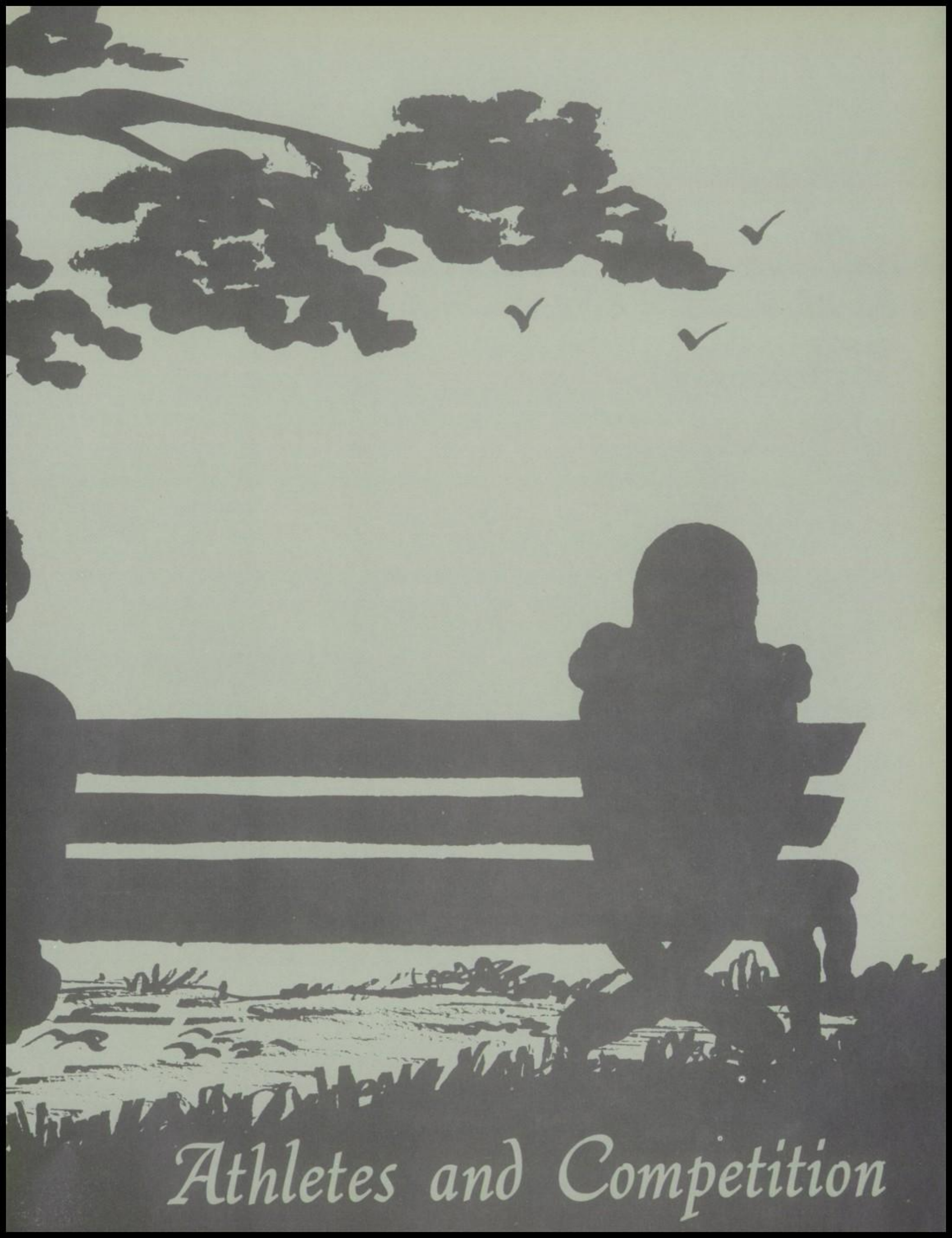


This school year is Mr. Joe Agurs' third at Gaston Day, and "Joe" is greatly appreciated for his constant willingness to lend a helping hand around the school. Joe is dependable and easygoing, and his work is essential to the smooth operation of Gaston Day. Joe is conscientious in his work to keep the school building and grounds attractive, and he encourages students to take pride in their school. Of life at Gaston Day Joe says, "Everybody seems to be pretty well-together."



In her second year with Gaston Day, Mrs. Bernice Armstrong is "just a typical American black lady who loves people, who enjoys life, who will never be rich, but will always be happy." Bernice says, "It's very personal at Gaston Day this year, the atmosphere in the school is wonderful. The children seem to like me and respect me." Bernice is optimistic about life, she lives "day by day," and she is "thankful to be alive." Bernice is a special friend to everyone at Gaston Day, and she exclaims, "I do love people!"



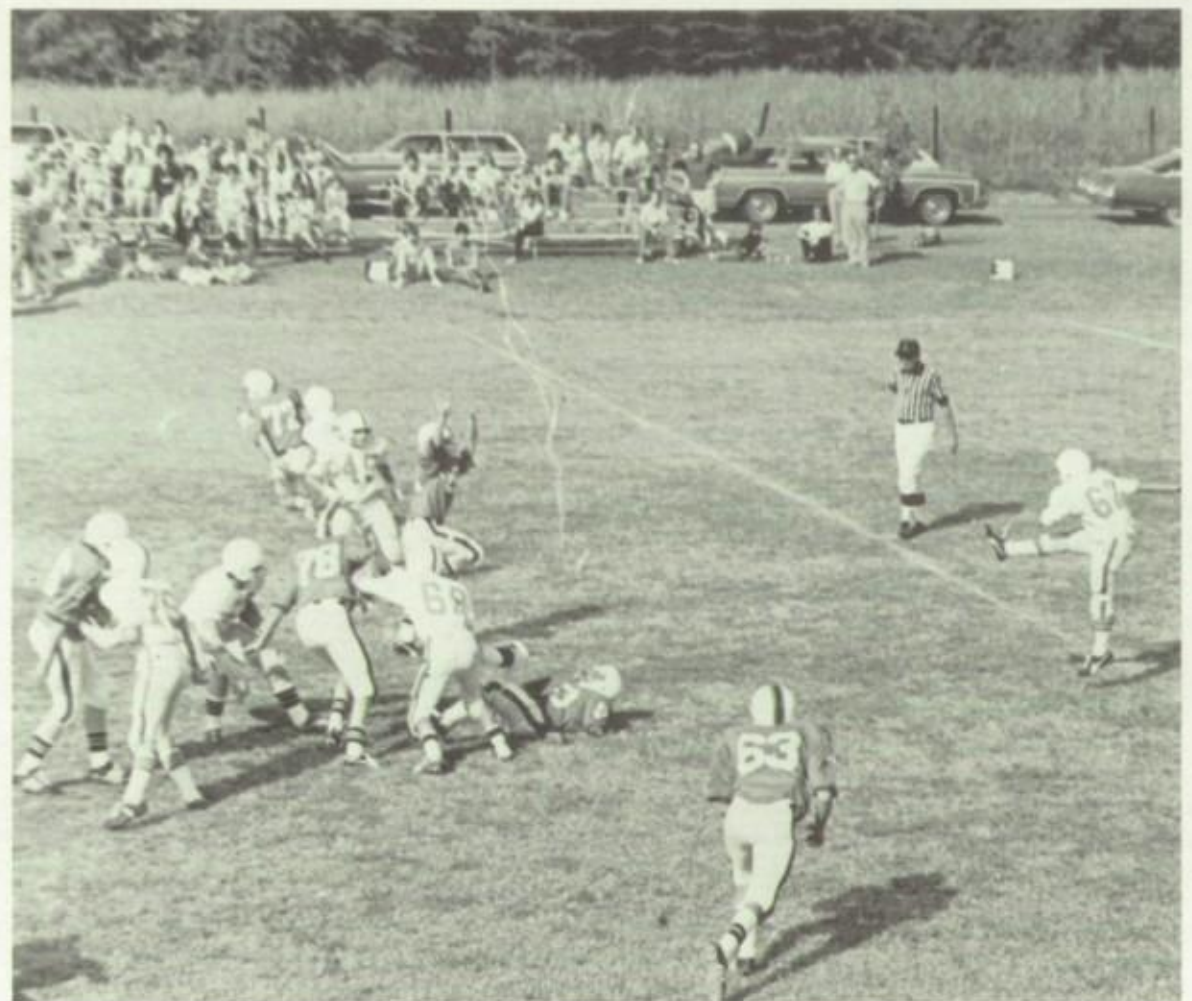


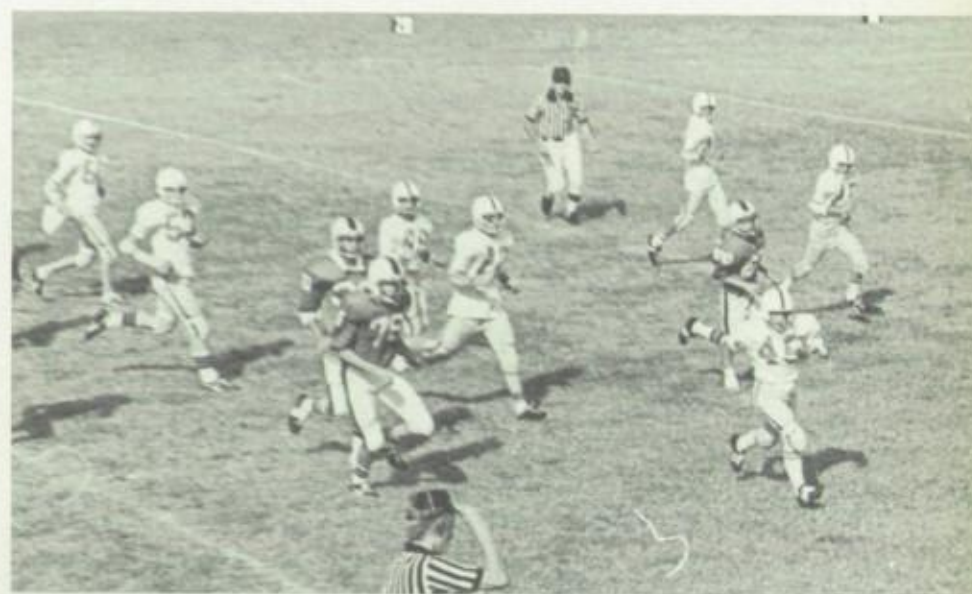
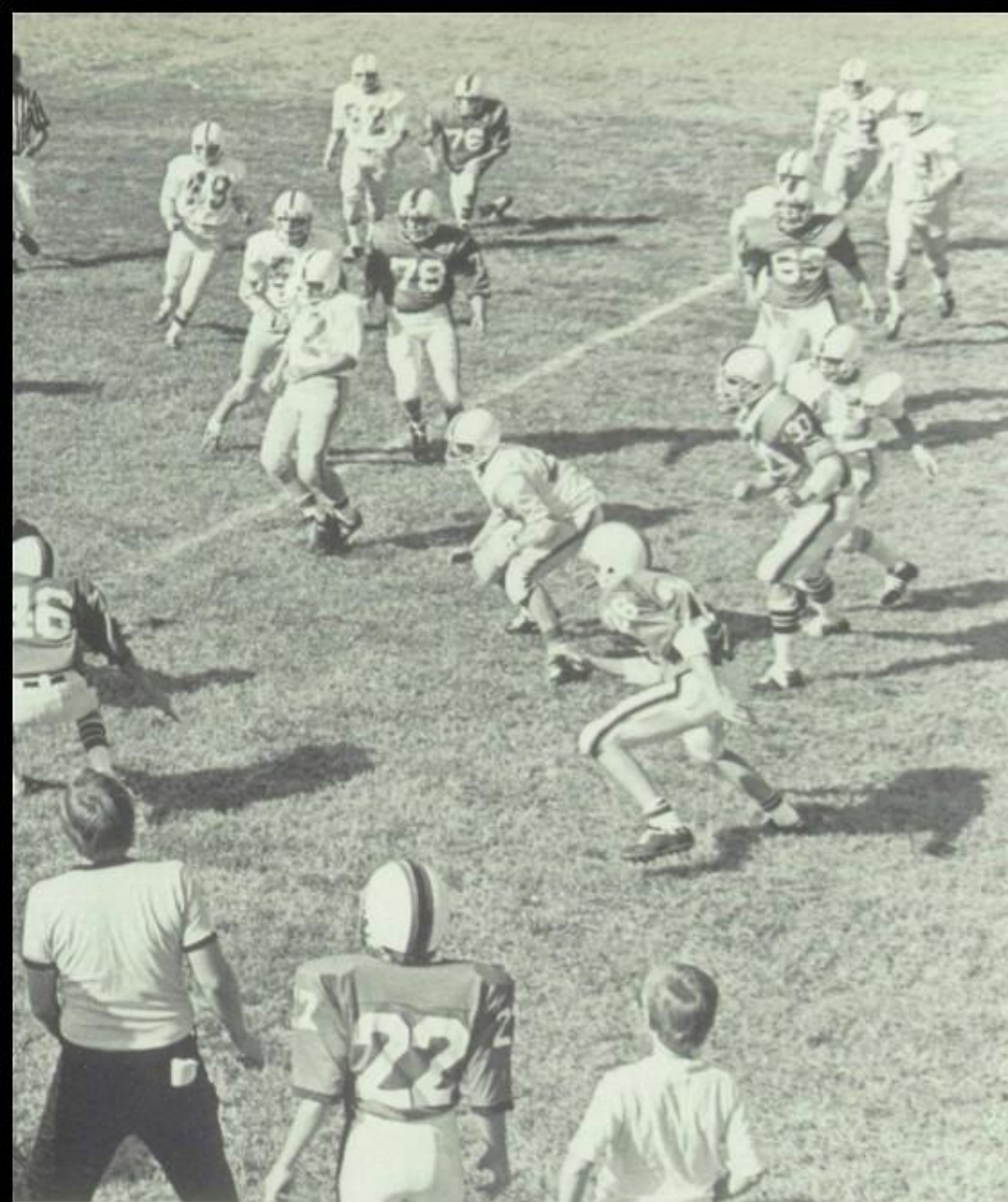
Athletes and Competition

"We had more experience"
- James Massey

Consisting of players from grades 7-9, the Spartan Junior Varsity Team ended its season with a record of five wins and three losses. The J. V. Spartans worked well together as a team, having a greater number of experienced players than the teams of previous years. Players agree that

the loyalty and spirit of the fans during the season was a great booster of team morale. Coached by Coach Henry Simmerman and Coach David Richardson, the J. V. Spartans had an exciting season of challenging football games.





Left to right, front row: Jim Henry, Van Matthews, Michael Peeler, Todd Little, Mac Whitesides, David Whiteside, Terry James, David Arthur, Billy Shuford. Second row: Todd Dunnagan, Chip Craig, John Craver, Randy Strait, Doug Meyer-Cuno, Jamie Massey, Duncan Rutledge, Gary Rothenberg, Craig Watson, Steve Fullam. Third row: Coach Simmerman, Stewart Easton, Jim Lee, Chet Chesnutt, Lee Neill, Hubby Banner, Coach Richardson.



Left to right, front row: Freddie Kerr, Robbie Stepp, Henry Fowler, Fred Morrow, Danny Erwin, Jimmy Huey, Fred Tindall, Chuck Bell, Bobby Decker, Manager. Second row: Coach Henry Gass, Rodger Peninger, Robert Herndon, David Frye, Frank Dixon, Jerry Fleeman, Steve Davis, Jeff Lineberger, Brad Little, Macon Dunnagan, Coach Ken Templeton. Not pictured: Gordon Quarles.



you daddy



With nine seniors, the Varsity Spartans were "one of the best offensive teams we've had," says Coach Templeton. Although the season was characterized by both up and down performances, Coach Templeton cites the game against Greenville Christ Church School as illustrating the best potential of the Spartans. "Spartan Spirit" during the season was shown in the bleachers as well as in the playing field as unusually large numbers of loyal fans came to cheer the Spartans on to victory. With a final record of 5-3-1, the Varsity Team proved to be a source of pride and inspiration to Gaston Day.

"It's the best team we've ever had at Gaston Day — talent - wise."

- Robbie Stepp



Left to right, Anne England, Amy Doster, Claire Short, Mary Katherine Wilcox, Lindsey Forde, Betsy Morrow, Miriam Dixon, Catherine Carstarphen, Shawn Dunnagan. Absent: Liz Koster, Terri Huffstetler, Stephi Rauch.

*J.V. Volleyball:
 "We always
 took it one point
 at a time."
 - Lindsey Forde*





Front row, left to right: Carol Doster, Kelley Adams. Back row: Robin Dixon, Mary Adams, Elizabeth Herndon, Lee Doster, Sheila Alwran, Jan Segal, Lee Price, Rosie Whitesides, Coach Mike Connelley.



*Varsity Volleyball:
Bump, Set,
Spike!*

*J.V. Girls'
Basketball:
"It's
everyone's dream
to play on
the Varsity."
- Amy Doster*



Front row, left to right: Betsy Short, Sue Husvar, Lucy Doster, Carrie Moser, Lisa Murphy, Carolyn Batts, Nancy Whiteside. Back row: Coach Peggy Little, Ann Hodges, Lilla Smith, Amy Doster, Betsy Morrow, Renee DeMaras, Shep Kimbrell, Robin Dixon.





Front row, left to right: Charles Stowe, Doug Meyer-Cuno, Bill Carstarphen, Chip Craig, John Craver, Todd Dunnagan, Russell Smith. Back row: Grady Smith, Stewart Easton, Chet Chesnutt, Jim Lee, Jamie Massey, Stewart White, Steve Fullam, Coach Dave Richardson.

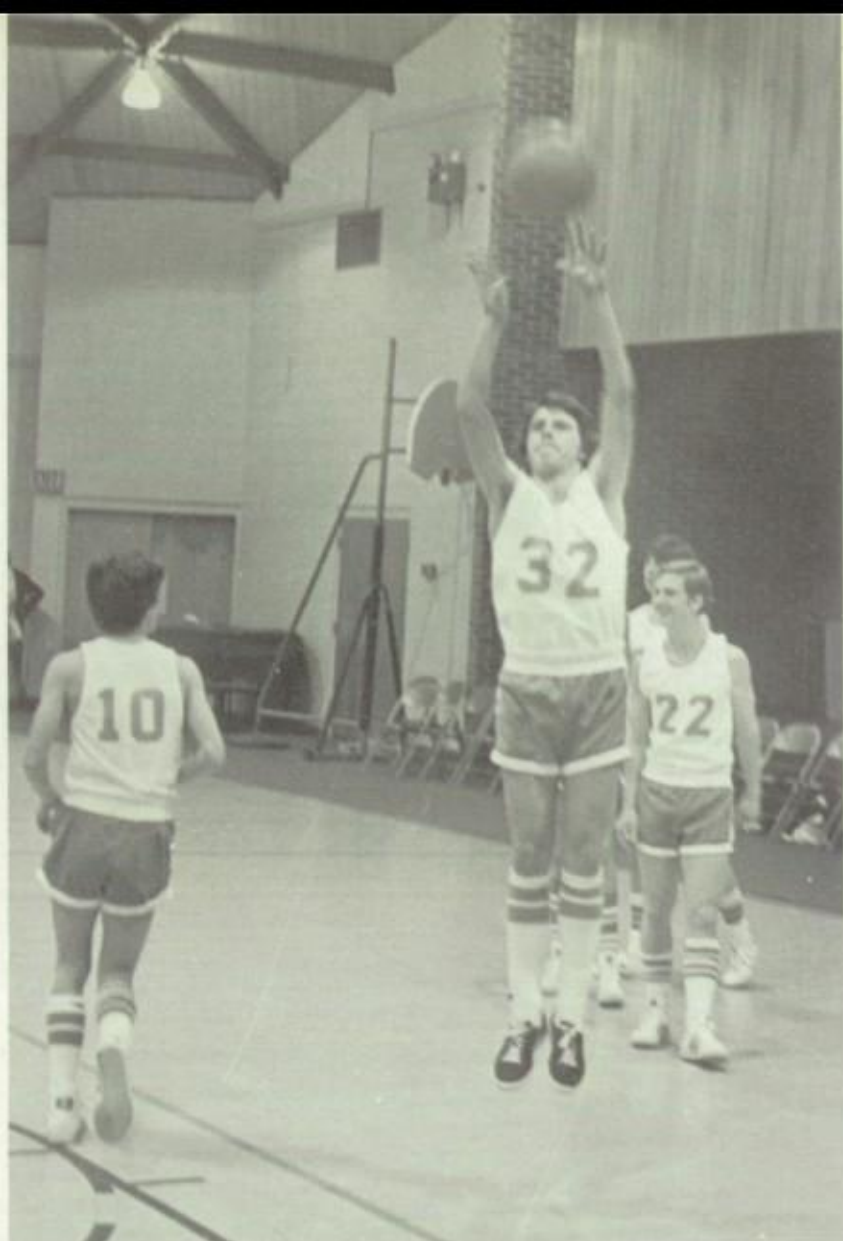


7-8 Grade
Boys Basketball:
"We
played good
team ball."

- Chet Chesnutt



*B. Varsity
Basketball Team
Has Vigorous
Season*





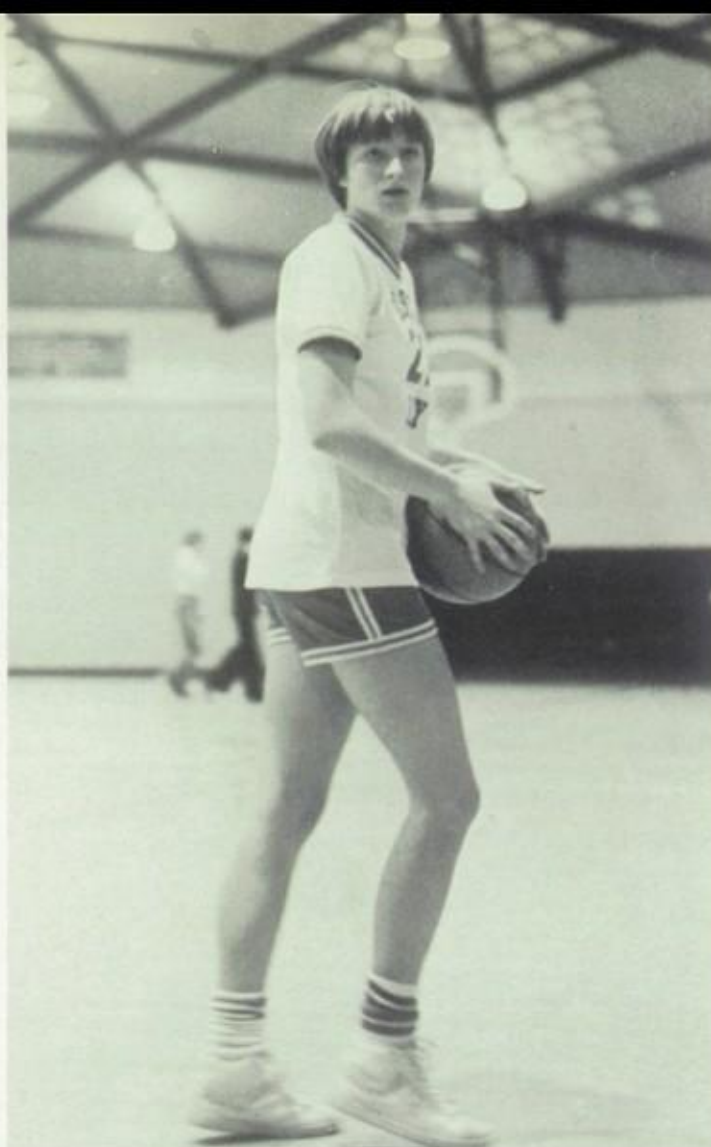
Front row, left to right: Graham Smith, David Whiteside, Van Matthews, Jim Henry, Chuck Bell. Back row: Petey Currence, Mac Whitesides, Brett Eppley, Robbie Anderson, Jeff Lineberger, Rocky Harwell, Coach Jerry Stockdale.





Front row, left to right: Carol Doster, Kelley Adams. Middle row: Stephi Rauch, Shawn Dunnagan, Alice Stowe, Penny Joyner, Catherine Carstarphen, Miriam Dixon. Back row: Coach Judy Joye, Mary Adams, Lee Price, Garland Smith, Paula Cloninger, Lee Doster, Anna Stowe, Robin Dixon.

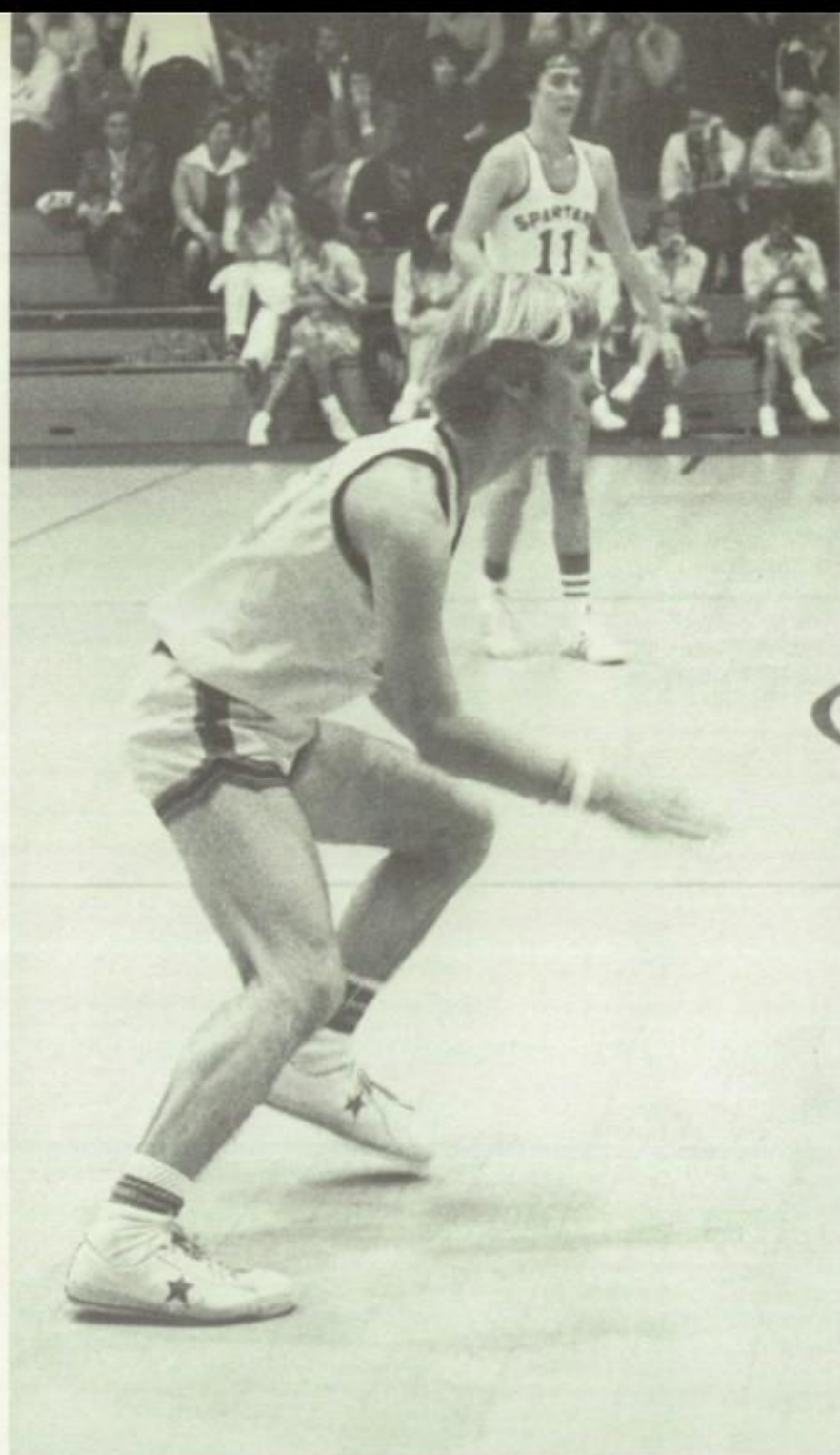




*Varsity Girls'
Basketball:
"We had talent,
balance, and
unity."
— Kelley Adams*



Varsity Boys' Basketball...



WE ARE THE SPARTANS - COULDN'T BE PROUDER



Front row, left to right: Hayne Neisler, Dick Bryant, Bill Henry, Robert Herndon, David Neisler. Second row: Bill Cain, Stan Boraski, Rick Hinnant, Joe Rankin, David Frye, Tommy Mattox, Porter Rhoton, Coach Mike Connelley.

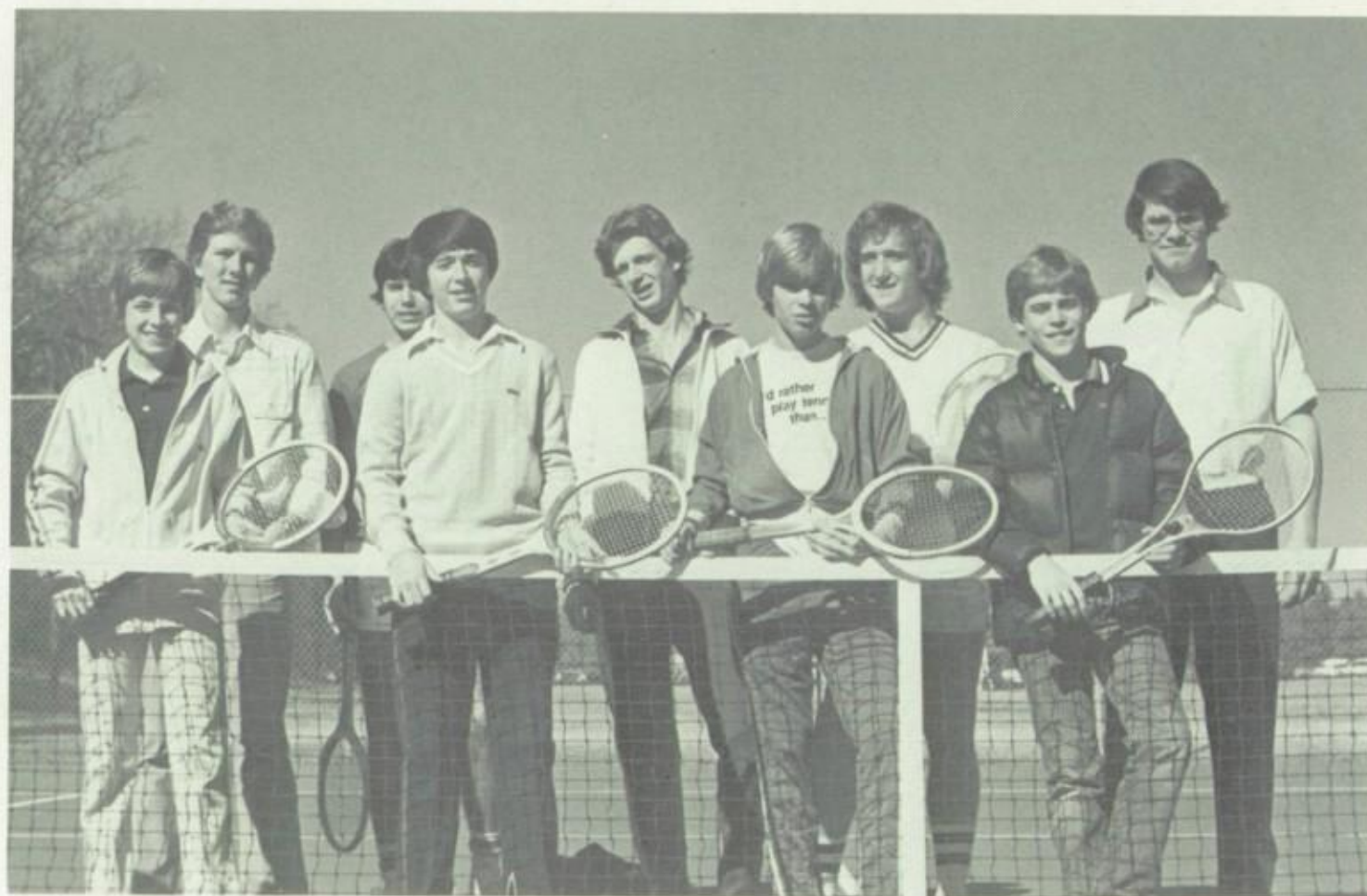
Shoot!
Score!
Jump!
Win!





Front row, left to right: Stephi Rauch, Charlotte Smith, Sue Husvar, Betsy Short, Mary Beth Wingate. Back row, left to right: Susie Minor, Catherine Carstarphen, Alice Stowe, Elizabeth Smith, Claire Short.

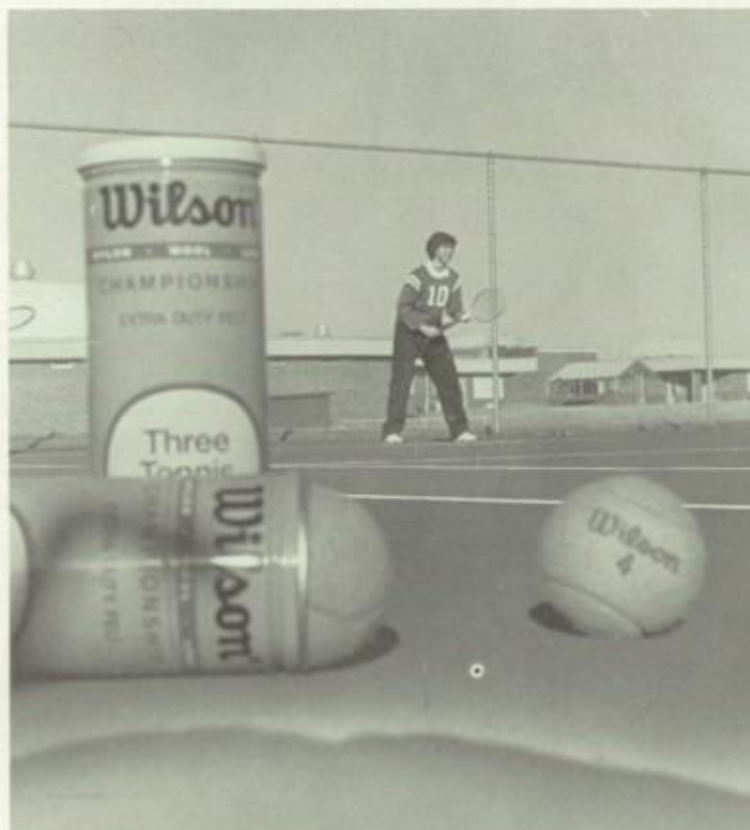




*Tennis Teams
Hope For
Smashing
Season!*

Front row, left to right: Todd Watkins, Petey Currence, Doug Meyer-Cuno, Back row, left to right: George Henry, Scott Paksoy, Stewart Smith, Jeff Olson, Frank Dixon.

*What A
Spectacular
Spartan Year!*

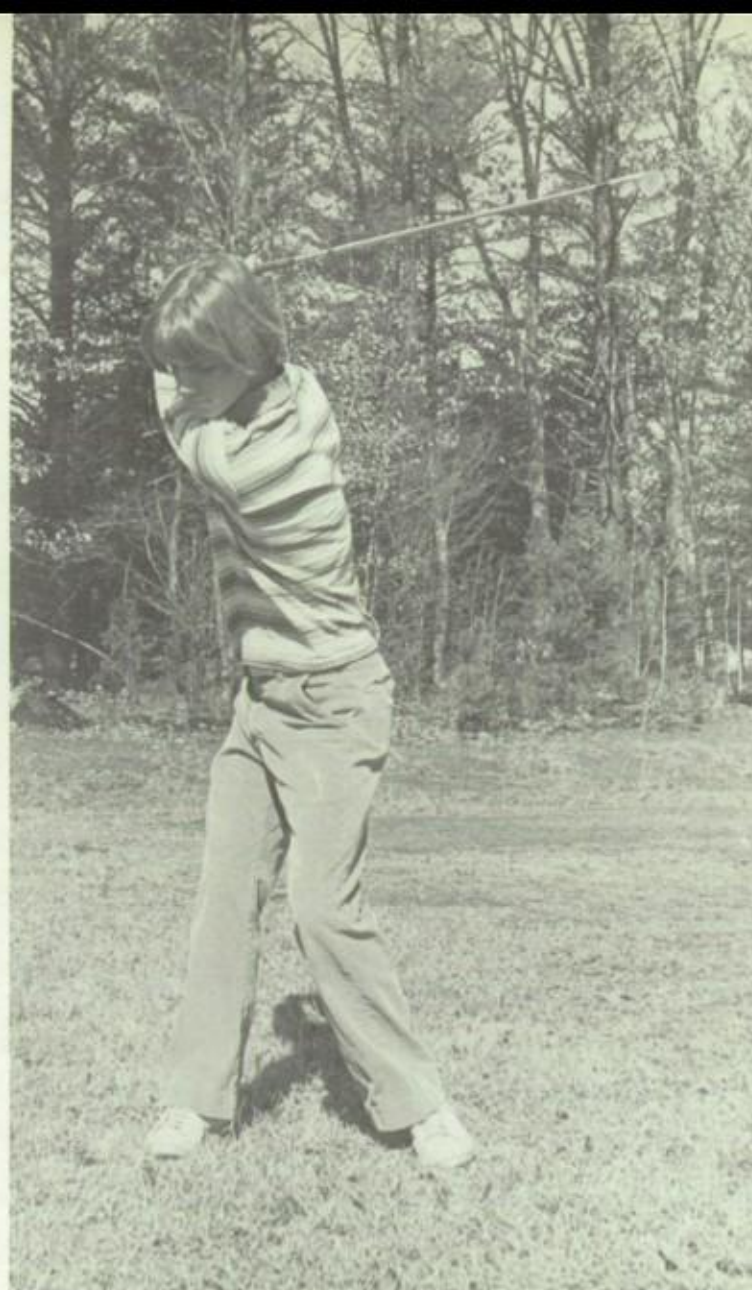




*Gaston
Day Golfers
Anticipate
Winning
Season*



Gordon Quarles



David Neisler



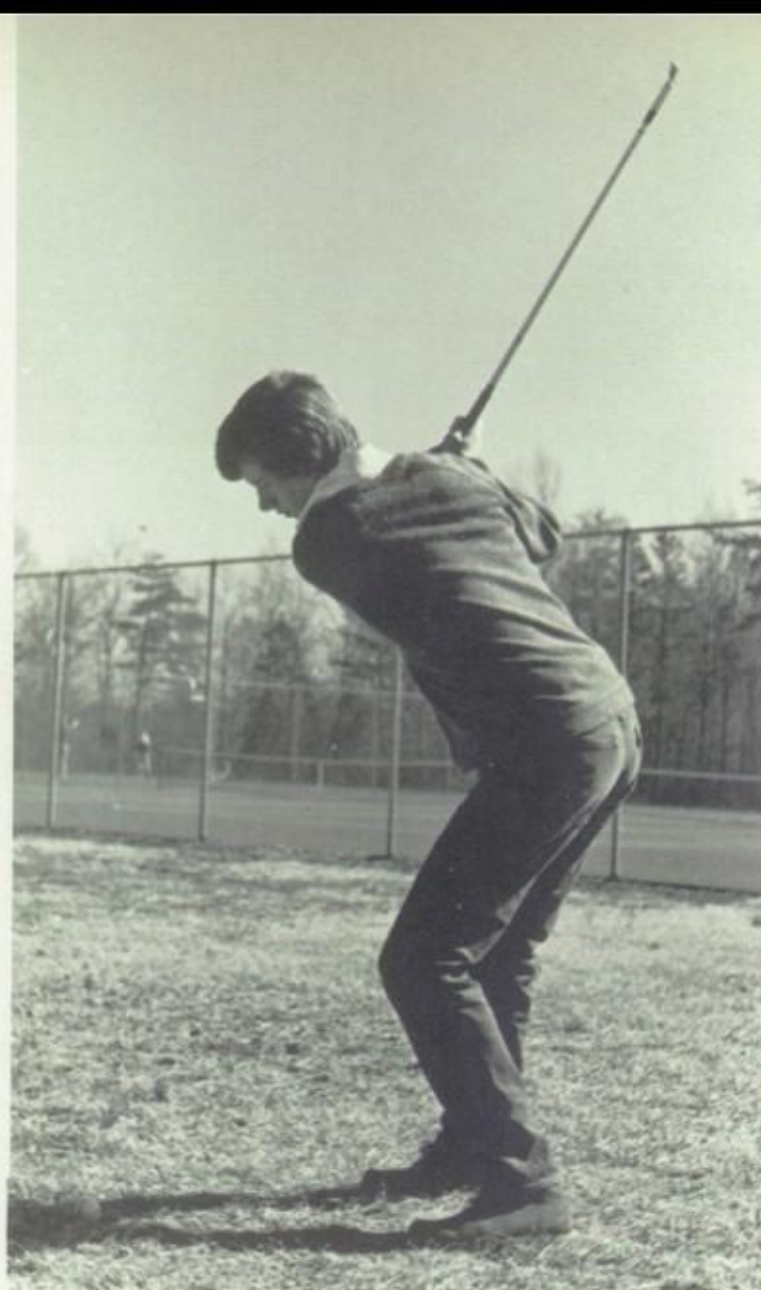
Hayne Neisler



David Frye



Allen Bates



Jim Thrash



Gary Holland



David Whiteside

*"Golf is the
only sport
in which
man competes
strictly
with himself."
Esquire*

Scoreboard

J. V. Football	G. D. S.	Visitor	N. Gaston	35	76
Providence Day School	0	6	Northside	49	31
Asheville	26	0	Latin	53	45
Spartanburg Day School	21	12	C. C. D.	43	30
Carmel	44	0	Providence	50	18
Charlotte Country Day	0	18	Christian	59	22
Christ School	6	0	Carmel	50	27
Spartanburg Day School	0	6	Northside	65	39
Varsity Football			Latin	61	31
Pender Academy	36	0	C. C. D.	50	27
Edgewood	20	14	Providence	55	36
Charlotte Latin	15	0	Valleydale	46	43
Spartanburg Day	0	21	Christian	81	25
Asheville	8	8	Christian	67	20
Charlotte Country Day	7	9	C. C. D.	45	21
Christ School	9	12	Valleydale	49	37
Oakway	14	0	Boys Varsity Basketball		
Patterson	28	6	E. Gaston	42	85
Varsity Volleyball			Carmel	33	44
Charlotte Latin	2	1	E. Gaston	47	78
C. C. D.	0	2	Northside	81	41
Providence	2	0	Latin	43	80
Carmel	1	2	C. C. D.	62	60
Valleydale	1	2	Providence	49	62
Northside	0	2	Carmel	48	66
Charlotte Latin	2	1	Christ School	55	57
C. C. D.	1	2	Northside	67	48
Providence	2	0	Latin	60	91
Carmel	2	0	C. C. D.	49	88
Christian	2	1	Providence	47	49
Charlotte Latin	2	1	Carmel	68	49
Carmel	2	0	Latin	55	101
7-8 Grade Girls Basketball			Varsity Boys Basketball		
St. Michael's	31	16	Carmel	70	73
Carmel	36	25	Christ School	74	76
Providence	27	24	Ben Lippen	75	69
Latin	37	20	Valleydale	94	53
C. C. D.	22	48	Bessemer City	95	76
Latin	39	31	Hunter Huss	63	122
C. C. D.	25	46	Northside	80	55
Valleydale	36	39	Latin	81	107
Varsity Girls Basketball			C. C. D.	49	68
E. Gaston	50	37	Providence	84	104
Carmel	71	31	Valleydale	115	59
Asheville	64	24	Christian	94	63
Ben Lippen	45	32	Carmel	56	54
Valleydale	64	57	C. C. D.	16	20
Bessemer City	39	24			



Elizabeth Smith, (Captain)



Julie Alsobrooks, (Co-captain)



Leslie Kakassy



Melissa Neisler



Janet Smith



Debbie Falls



Jeanne Williams



Sindy Aycock



Teena Wilson



*J.V. Cheerleaders
Pour On The
Spirit !*



Left to right: Martha Anthony, Amy Auten, Dennie Wilson, Kathy Huffman, Mary Lee, Patty Kakassy, Evelyn Ann Brice, Beth Adams, Delores Childers, Meg McCloskey, Beverly Smith.

*Sweet
Spartan
Spirit -
Cheer
It!*



Monogram Club Honors Sports Achievement



First row, left to right: Fred Morrow, David Whitesides, Betsy Short, Sue Husvar, Kelley Adams, Jeanne Gardner, Carol Doster, Kathy Hoffman, Meg McCloskey, Hayne Neisler, Amy Auten, Beth Adams, Robby Stepp, Jan Segal, Stewart Smith, Mary Lee, Dolores Childers, Beverly Smith, Evelyn Brice, Dennie Wilson. Second row: Larry Kirsh, Bill Cain, George Henry, David Kiser, Petey Currence, Henry Fowler, Shawn Dunnagan, Stephi Rauch, Alice Stowe, Miriam Dixon, Catherine Carstarphen, Anna Stowe, Rosie Whitesides, Sheila Alwran, Robin Dixon, Chuck Bell, Macon Dunnagan, Elizabeth Smith, Jeff Lineberger, Garland Smith, Lee Doster, Mary Adams, Lee Price. Third row: Dick Bryant, Terry James, Scott Paksoy, Fred Tindall, Steve Davis, Jerry Fleeman, Jeff Olson, Bill Ball, Bill Henry, Robert Herndon, Rick Hinnant, Rodger Peninger, David Frye, Tommy Mattox, Joe Rankin, Monroe Whitesides, David Neisler, Gordon Quarles, Frank Dixon, Chet Chesnutt, Penny Joyner, Bobby Decker, Paula Cloninger, Porter Rhoton. Absent: Carol Doster.





Participants

*"Let Us Lead
by
Serving Others"*

Any student placed on the honor roll two consecutive times is eligible for membership in the Beta Club. This club makes it possible to recognize these students and also for the students to share their abilities with others. For example, the Gaston Day Beta Club members have participated in such activities as the Empty Stocking Fund, supervising concessions at home football games and basketball games, and ushering on Appreciation Night. Kelly Connor, President; Anna Stowe, Vice-President; Beverly Smith, Secretary; Susan Forst, Treasurer, and Mrs. Anne Comer, Advisor, have played important roles in making the Beta Club active. As the motto of the Beta Club states, "Let us lead by serving others."





Front row, left to right: Martha Anthony, Beverly Smith, Secretary: Mary Lee, Dolores Childers, Dennie Wilson, Evelyn Brice, Elizabeth Smith, Second row: Debbie Falls, Stewart Smith, Susan Forst, Treasurer: Terri Davis, Jane Foy, Robin Elmore, Third row: Anna Stowe, Vice-President: Kelly Connor, President: Rosie Whitesides, Barrett Whitener, Melissa Patrick, Bill Cain. Absent: Bill Ball, David Herndon, Jim Hammer, Kelley Adams, Jerry Fleeman, Tommy Palmer, Dick Bryant, Frank Dixon, Kathy Hoffman, Porter Rhoton, Jeanne Gardner, Patty Kakassy, Fred Morrow, Mrs. Comer, Advisor.

Bazaars, fairs, balloon sales and meetings are among the projects of the Gaston Day School Junior Heart Board. The purpose of the club is to familiarize students with the problems of heart disease and career opportunities in the areas of medicine and health. The 25 member group plans demonstrations to inform Gaston Day students about heart disease. Holly Harrison, President; Robin Elmore, Vice-President; Debbie Falls, Secretary-Treasurer; Melissa Patrick, County Recording Secretary and Advisor Miss Katrina Furr, work to make a very successful 1976-1977 Junior Heart Board.

J.H.B. Works For

The Community





Front row: Robin Elmore, Vice-President; Melissa Patrick, County Recording Secretary. Second row: Carol Kiser, Lee Price, Elizabeth Smith, Debbie Falls, Secretary-Treasurer; Kelly Connor, Holly Harrison-President, Rosie Whitesides. Third row: Jane Foy, Jan Segal, Gordon Quarles, Bill Cain, David Herndon, Meg McCloskey, Kelley Adams. Absent: Melissa Neisler, Paula Cloniger, Scott Elmore, Jimmy Huey, Beth Adams, Bill Ball, Carolyn Hawkins, Freddie Kerr, Miss Furr, Advisor.

*Chorus Conveys
Emotions Through
Music*

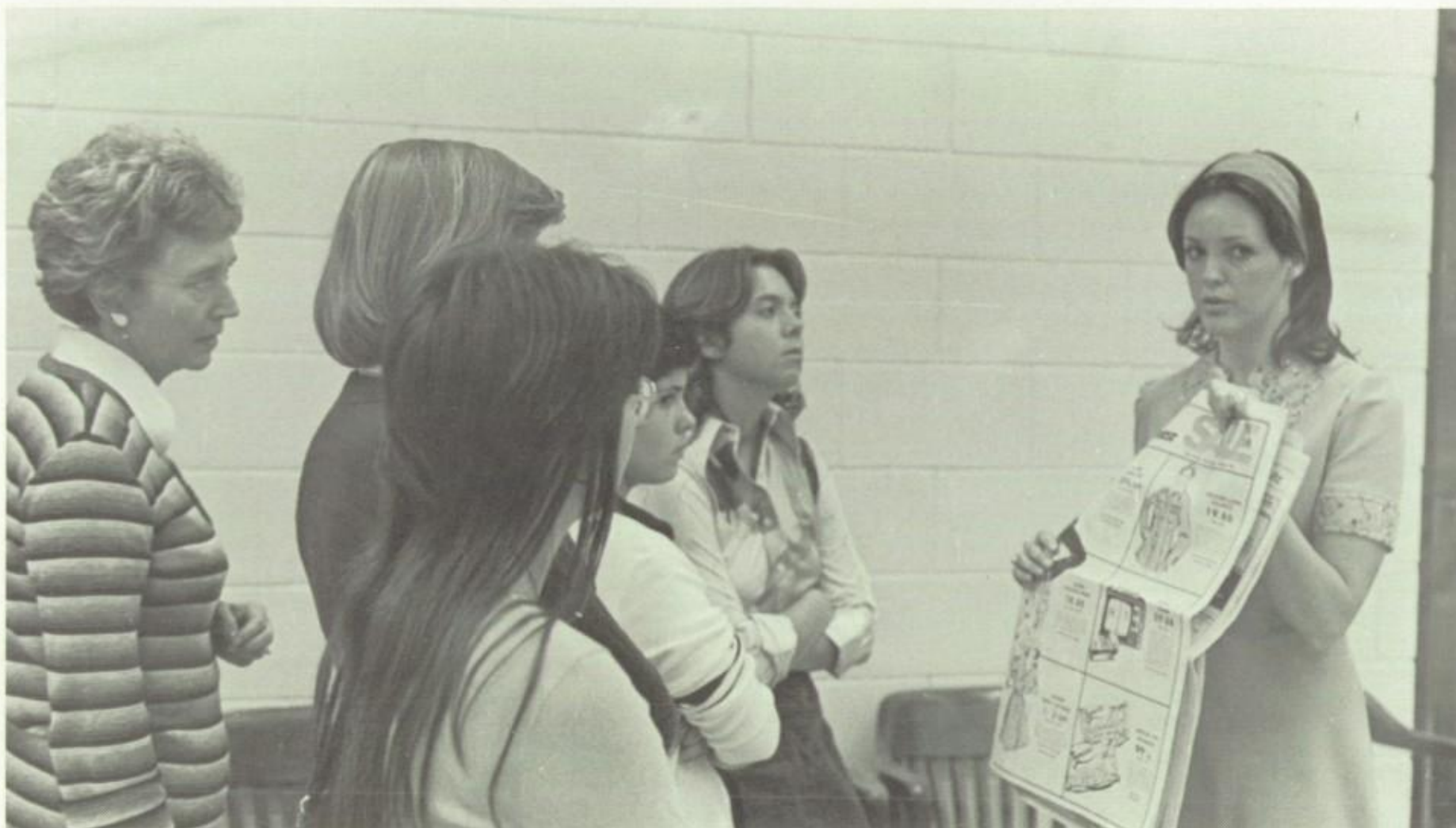
The 1976-77 chorus of Gaston Day School has a membership of twenty-five. Many exciting productions were presented to the student body this year, such as the Halloween, Christmas and Spring programs. Mrs. Ray directs the singers and Robin Elmore is their accompanist. All members express their love through many favorite melodies, such as "Beautiful City", "Better World", and "We Need A Little Christmas". As Robin says, "Music is love in search of a word".





Front row, left to right: Janet Smith, Sindy Aycock, Julie Alsobrooks, Claire Short, Mary Lee, Dolores Childers, Beverly Smith, Martha Anthony, Debbie Falls, Dennie Wilson. Second row: Lee Beal, Teena Wilson, Jeanne Williams, Suzanne Stewart, Polly Adams, Kelly Connor, Rosie Whitesides, Melissa Patrick, Robin Elmore, accompanist: Elizabeth Smith, Melissa Neisler, Jane Foy, Carol Kiser, Sheila Alwan. Absent: Melody Hicklin, Leslie Fry, Lynn Baucom, Anne Rhoton, Liz Koster, Mrs. Ray, director.

Indispensible — That's THE GASLIGHT!



Although *THE GASLIGHT* staff is small, the *Gaston Day* newspaper has made much progress and several major changes. The journalism class appointed Kelley Adams, editor-in-chief; Beverly Smith, co-editor; and Bill Ball, business manager. Mrs. McRainey, advisor, works with the sixteen member staff to produce informative newspapers, complete with pictures and art work.





Front row, left to right: Kathy Hoffman, David Hoffman, Duffie Wilson, Lynnee Miller, Dolores Childs. Second row: Kelley Adams, editor; Meg McCloskey; Rich Adams; Kelly Connor; Holly Harrison. Third row: Ray Peninger, Joy Nasser, Evelyn Brown, Beverly Smith, Brad Little. Absent: Bill Ball, business manager and Mrs. McRaney, advisor.

Circa 70... Making Memories

Layouts . . . picas . . . cropping . . . deadlines . . . copy . . . pictures . . . ads . . . these are familiar words to the members of the CIRCA 70 staff. Dedicated to preserving the special memories of this school year at Gaston Day, the CIRCA 70 staff has worked steadily and, at times frantically to compile an extraordinary and unique yearbook. Editor-in-Chief Melissa Patrick, Co-Editor Barrett Whitener, Business Manager Rosie Whitesides, Advisor Miss Shirley Brindle, and the eighteen-member staff have taken their imagination and talent "to the stars" in hopes that the 1976-77 edition of CIRCA 70 will be the most memorable yet!





Front row, left to right: Meg McCloskey, Robin Elmore, Melanie Hicklin, Debbie Falls, Terri Davis, Susan Forst. Second row: Evelyn Brice, Mary Lee, Holly Harrison, Kelly Connor, Melissa Patrick, Editor; Jane Foy, Carol Kiser. Third row: Warren Smith, David Herndon, Warren Quarles, Jeff Cunningham, Kelley Adams, Rosie Whitesides, Business Manager; Barrett Whitener, Co-Editor; Jim Hamner. Absent: Graham Smith, Dolores Childers, Jeanne Gardner, Miss Shirley Brindle, advisor.





Lower School



Trey Albright, Derek Alexander, Mandy Aycock, and Kelly Bailey



Cheri Belton, Christopher Breeden, Leigh Brooks, and Sean Crowley



Lee Dixon, Michele Dodgin, Lewis Efird, and Maxwell Fisher



Lisa Forbes, Lesley Gambill, Chris Gross, and Brian Guffey



Chris Hill, Adam Jackson, Amanda Jimison, and Jennifer Kendrick

*Mrs. Atkins' Pre-First:
Hectic But Fantastic!*



Philip Myers, Pam Koqut, Pace Lineberger, and Amy Mace

Mrs. McCloskey's Pre- First: Enthusiasm Galore!



Jamie Nagel, John Parks, James Ratchford, and Scott Rothenberg



Angie Stovall, Sara Katherine Stowe, Leslie Stowe, and Jason Thomason



Elizabeth Easton, Will Fullbright, Jeff Kendrick, and Marla Kirkland



Bill Morgan, Jeremy Webb, Katherine Yoder, and Alicia Wilson



Marya Cooper, Creed Barnett, Calvin Craig, and Joey Alala

Mrs. Cain's First Grade: Intense Preparation...



Amy Neisler, Margaret Myers, and Rob Moss



Tommy Gray, Stephenie Crouch, and Anthony Heavner



Harvey Holmes, "V" McPhail, Stacey Joye, and Chip Hunnicutt



Jennifer Thomas, Mark Pilon, Leigh Ann Westmoreland, and Trip Turner



Kearns Little, Candy Long, Pam McElveen, and Bobby Moffett



Anne Park, Stephanie Taylor, and Blaine Rudisill



Tripp Terry, Greg Van Pelt, Talie Turner, and Lenora Wasson



John Allman, Chad Baker, and Preston Caldwell



Andy Digh, Chris Hartung, Joe Hinds, and Trip Howe

Mrs. Morrow's First Grade: Activities and Fun Days!



Mark Beeker, Scott Clinard, Morgan Beam, and Patrick Bell



Lee Conner, Scott Dixon, Tim Efird, and Tiffany Gray

Miss Furr's Second Grade: Art, Music, Work!



Tiffany Groves, Christy Holmes, and Edmund Hall



Katherine Massey, Greg Robinson, Kenneth Nixon, and Jeff Klein



Skotty Smith, Anne Stewart, Tripp Rudisill, and Catherine Warlick



John Doster, Chris Davis, Mary Dameron, and Ange Current



Landis Easton, Matthews Hall, Sandra Forbes, and Jason Fogle



Julie Jimison, Oliver Landis, and Rae Leonard

*Mrs. Ragan's Second Grade:
Love and Cheer Abundant!*



Lindsay Planer, Kathryn Short, and Jon Taylor



Clay Thomason, Amy Templeton, and David Robinson



Tricia Hudson, Kenny Husvar, Charmie Hager, and Daniel LaFar



Lisa Ledford, Brett Myers, Laura Plowden, and Bart Rankin

Mrs. Ball's Third Grade: Interesting Year!



Suzanne Shelton, Meredith Stewart, Susan Turner, and Stacie Webb



Perry Aycock, Amy Clemmer, Betsy Eaves, and Mike Ferguson



Sullivan Lineberger, Phil Hartung, and Michael Hill



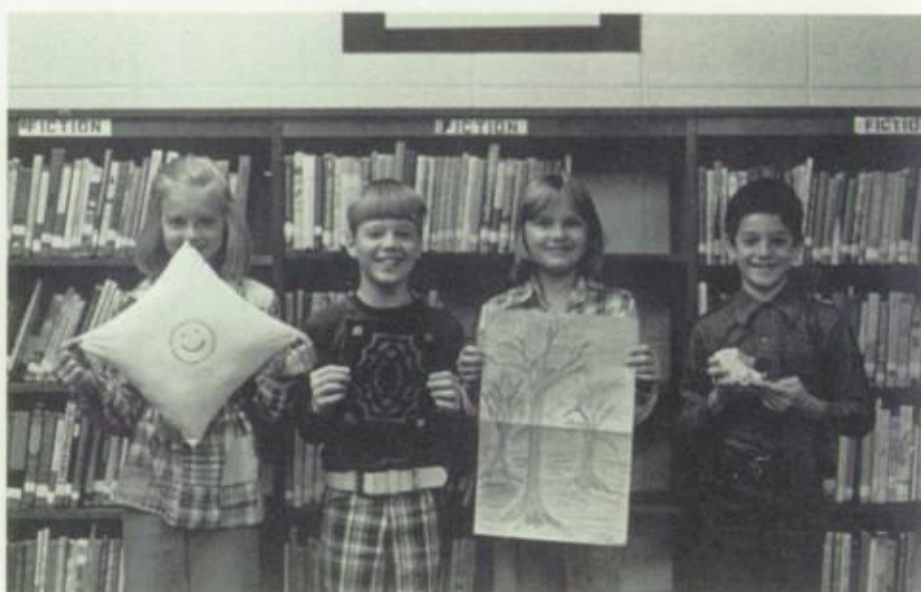
T. J. Wilson, Angela Simms, Gray Terry, and Joey Templeton



Scott Stowe, Kim Nixon, Laura Randall, and Jennifer Rhyne



Robbie LaFar, Jonathon Mattox, Kelly McCammon, and Ari Miller



Beth Guin, Timmy Joye, Gina Kirkland, and Steven Klein



Byron Brooks, Jackie Grier, Leigh Ann Glenn, and Parks Coyle

*Miss Garrison's Third
Grade: Exciting Experiences!*



Lane Adams, Meg Bell, Jay Falls, and Lisa Albright



Todd Hill, Greg Gamble, Laurie Louis, and Eric Heavner



Merry Penegar, Susan Massey, Melissa Moss, and Meg Moss



John Rustin, Charlie Vargas, and Patrick Smith

Mrs. Albright's Fourth Grade: Imaginative Class Projects!



Leigh Woody, Stephanie Thomas, and Leslie Webb



Cathryn Myers, Susi Pettus, and Ginger Penegar



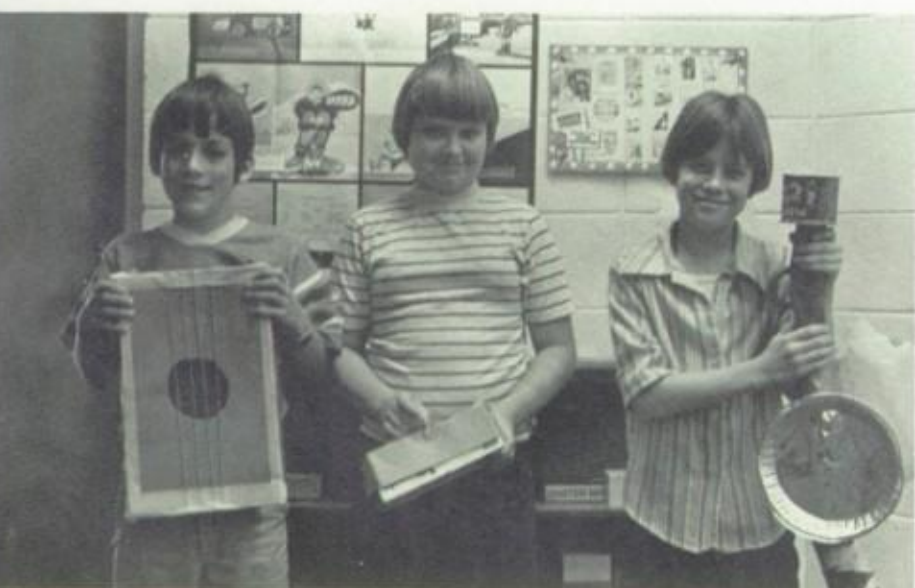
Kim Caldwell, Jay Coyle, and Stephen Bryant



Sissy Deas, Timmy Harris, and David Hall



Mark Brittain, David Adams, and Steven Boraski



Scott Harwell, David Kelly, and Tracy Moffett

Mr. Henderson's Fourth Grade Makes Musical Instruments!

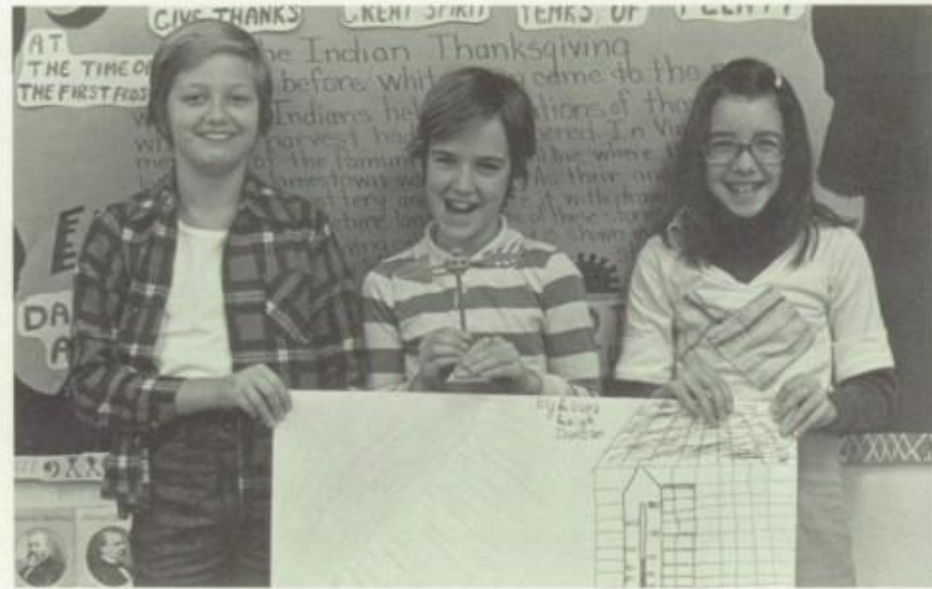


Mike Arthur, Holly Austin, and Ralph Craig

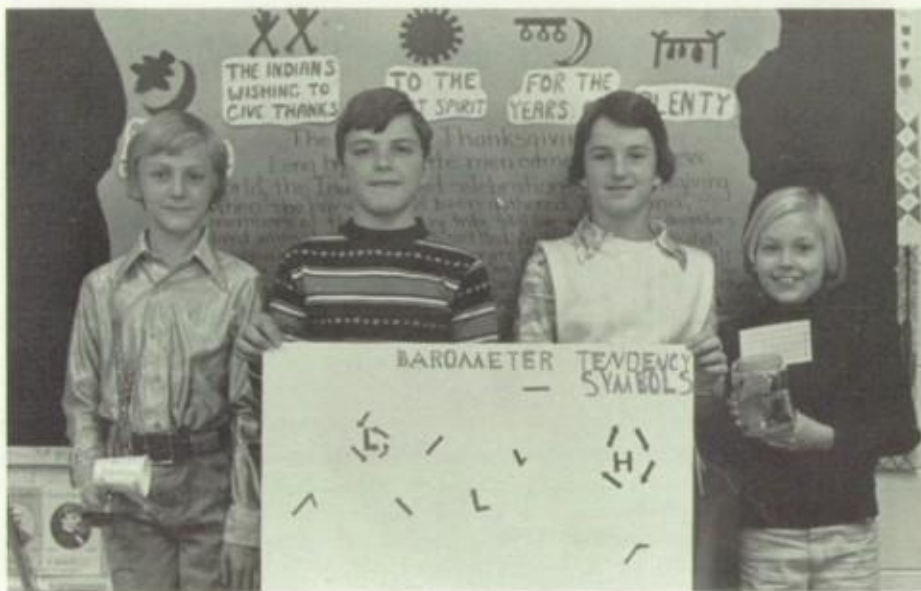
Mrs. Stewart's Fifth Grade : Something New Every Day!



Rob Rankin, Caroline Landis, Donny Kendrick, and Marty Murphy



Sally Current, Dee Decker, and Laura Duncan



Mark Weldon, Carl Vaughan, Anna Shuford, and Winnie Stewart



Franny Gray, Chuck Easton, and Lisa Hoyle



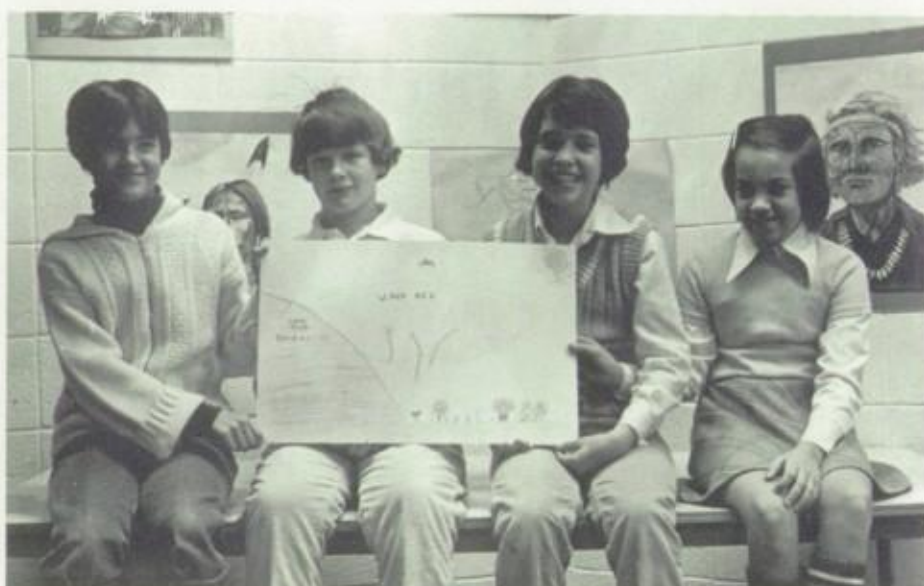
Liz Strohl, David Stewart, and David Randall



Tricia Lee, Mark Penegar, and Donna Lowery



Helen Hall, Susan Forbes, Chris Hudson, and Jeff Glenn

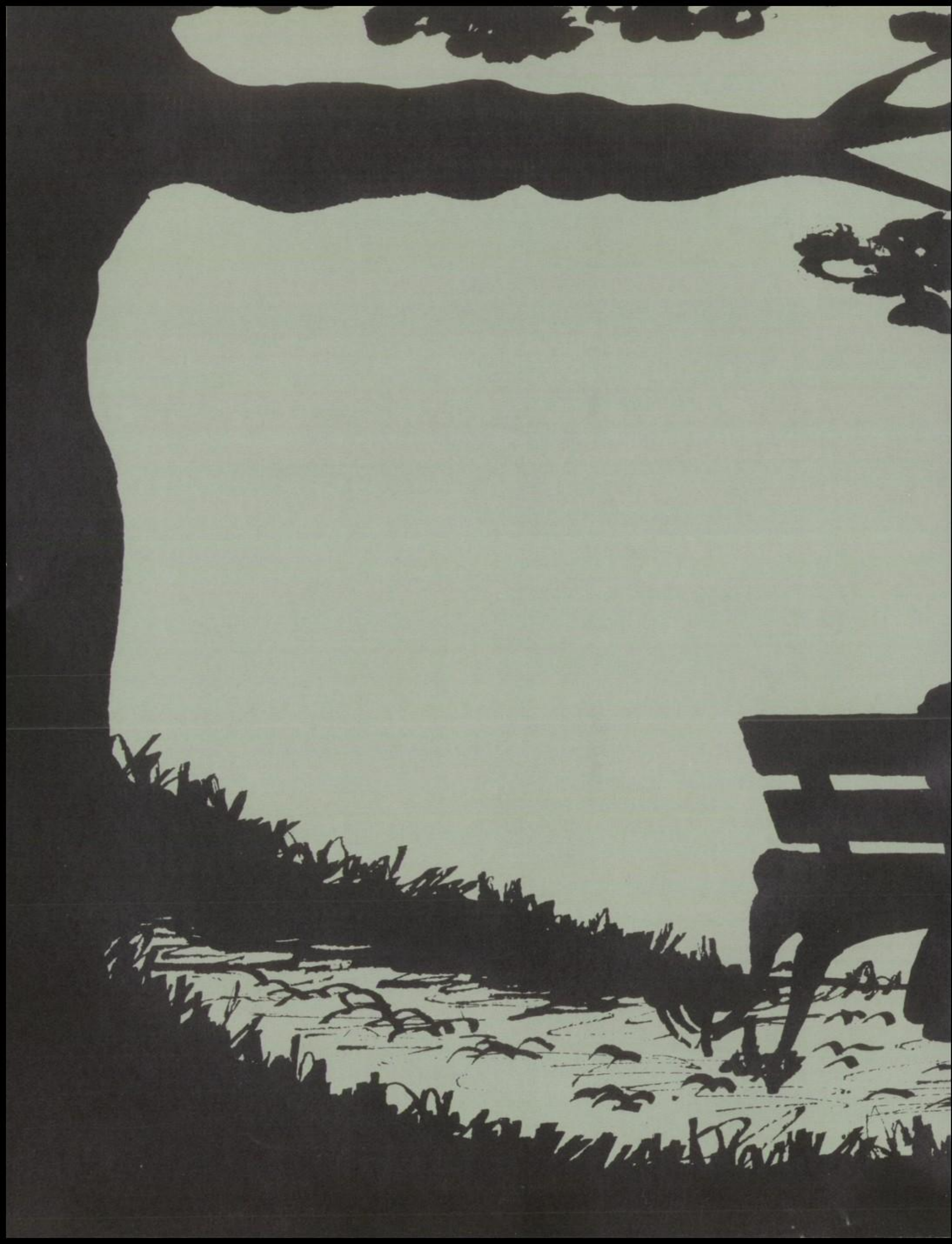


Tracy Alala, Matt Chesnutt, Chrissie Currence, and Jana Fogle



Gena Gray, Lisa Hope Walsh, and Rob Watson

Mrs. Stiles' Fifth Grade Anticipates "The Giant Step!"





Upper School

Sixth Graders Adapt to Upper School Life

*Gaston Bates
Babs Cannady
Connie Craver
D. John Deas*



*Charles Decker
Peter DeMaras
Bubba Doster
Kelly Duncan*



*Sineath Falls
Beth Fleeman
Lesley Forde
John Fowler*



*Julie Gardner
Julie Gray
Kimberly Haselden
Charlotte Herndon*



*Absent: Ginny Atkins, Reggie Brittain, Rob
Wooley*



*Richard Hill
Jay Holt
Mark James*



*Ray Kayler
Audrey Cline
Lisa Lanford*



*Susan Lewis
Bruce Lowie
Arthur Mace*



*David Massey
Susan Moss
Lynn Rauchenberg
Leslie Rothenberg*



*Billy Rustin
Marti Short
David Smith
Shannon Stowe*



*Carole Thrash
J. C. Vargas
Tommy Warlick
Mary Beth Wingate*

Chuck Adams
Angela Albright
Barbara Allweiss
Allen Bates



Carolyn Batts
Mike Beeker
Craig Bell
Bill Carstarphen



Chet Chesnutt
Julia Craig
Jim Deason
Lucy Doster



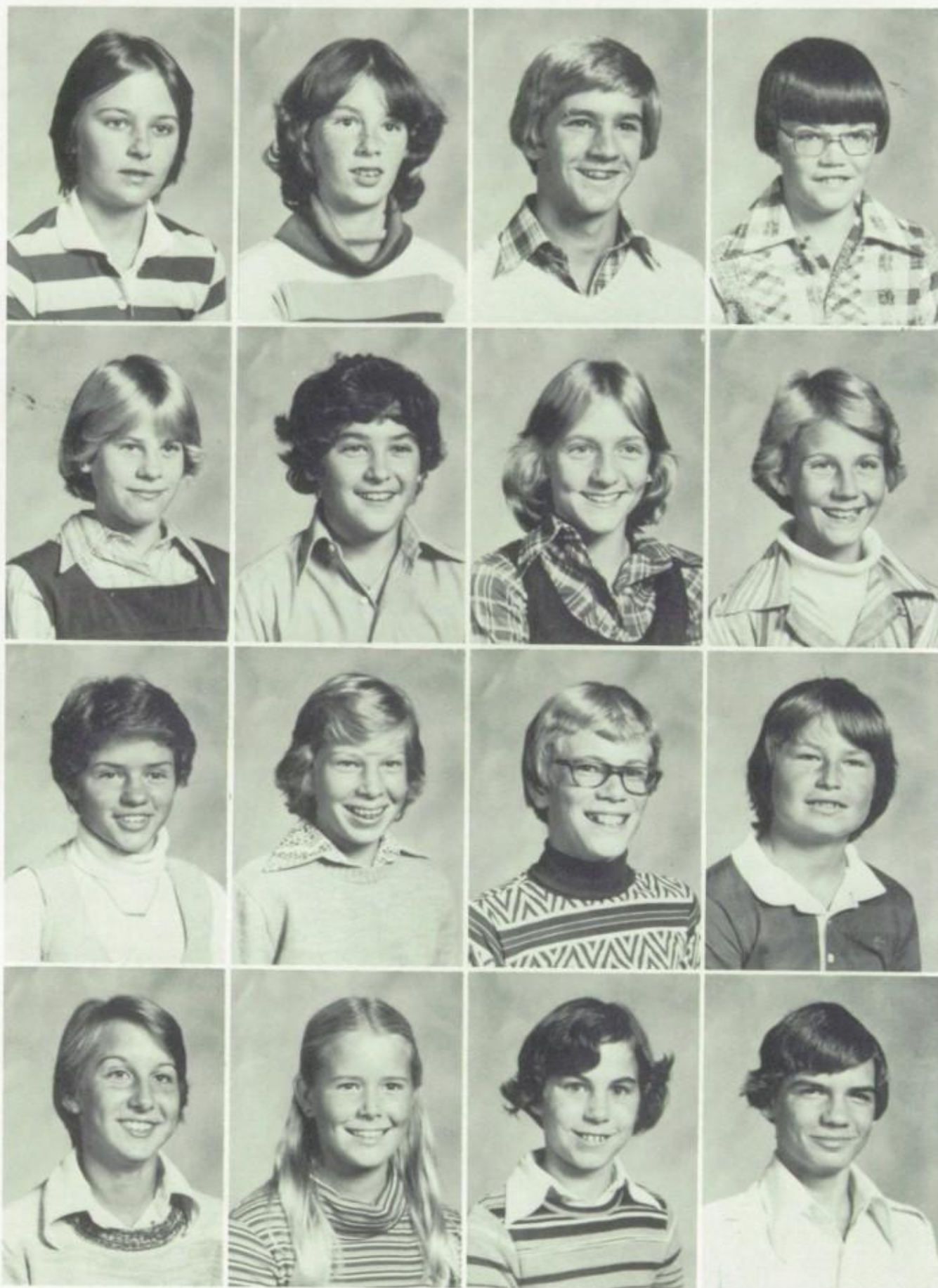
Todd Dunnagan
David Elmore
Craig Fry
Steve Fullam



Elizabeth Fuller
Bo Hall
Bonnie Harris
Sue Husvar



Seventh Graders Encounter "Responsibility With Age"



Kathy Kelly
Laura Lowie
James Massey
Sloan Massey

Lisa Meyer-Cuno
Jason Miller
Suzanne Minor
Beth Morgan

Cari Moser
Mary Prince
Marc Quessenberry
Gary Rothenberg

Betsy Short
Charlotte Smith
Laura Stewart
Craig Watson

Absent: Curtis Gaston, Freddy Moss, Grady Smith, Stuart White

Hubbie Banner
Annie Coroaalleas
Johnny Craver
Tina Currence



Renee DeMaras
Stewart Easton
Todd Friday
Vivianna Gallagher



Ann Hodges
Shep Kimbrell
Jim Lee
Hal Lineberger



George Mattox
Kate McCloskey
Liz McPhail
Doug Meyer-Cuno



Eighth Graders Anticipate High School Bustle



*Angela Mitchell
Lisa Murphy
Karen Olson*



*Mark Rauschenberger
Jeff Rhyne
Ricky Richards
Duncan Rutland*



*Blake Searcy
Lilla Smith
Russell Smith
Charles Stowe*



*Randy Strait
Michael Trash
Biv Vargas
Nancy Whiteside*

Absent: Chip Craig, Charles Ewing, Scott Hicklin, Lee Neill, Will Neumann, Ervin Phillips, Todd Watkins

*Happiness Is . . .
Being A Freshman*



Polly Adams



Helena Aizcorbe



Barry Allweiss



Julie Alsobrooks



Robby Anderson



David Arthur



Sindy Aycock



Lynn Baucom



Lee Beal



Kathy Bumgardner



Catherine Carstarphen



Petey Currence



Verne Deason



Miriam Dixon



Amy Doster



Shawn Dunnagan



Anne England



Tom Ewing



Lindsey Forde



Leslie Fry



Rocky Harwell



Jim Henry



Gary Holland



Terry James



Leslie Kakassy



Liz Koster



Todd Little



Vann Matthews



Betsy Morrow



Mike Peeler



Stephi Rauch



Anne Rhoton



Claire Short



Billy Shuford



Janet Smith



Susanne Stewart



Alice Stowe



David Whiteside



Mac Whitesides



Mary Katherine Wilcox



Jeanne Williams



Teena Wilson



Chris Bell



Chuck Bell



Stan Boraski



Paula Cloninger



Jeff Cunningham



Lee Doster



Macon Dunnagan



Robin Elmore



Brett Eppley



Debbie Falls



Jane Foy



Jim Hamner



Elizabeth Herndon



Marc Jones



Penny Joyner



Carol Kiser



Adrienne LaFar



Jeff Lineberger



Mary Matthews



David Mattox



Mark Mattox



Melissa Neisler

*How Sweet It Is . . .
To Be A Sophomore !*



Jeff Olson



Jerry Pettus



Lee Price



Warren Quarles



Dean Rhyne



Jan Segal



Karl Small



Elizabeth Smith



Graham Smith



Stewart Smith



Warren Smith



Jim Thrash

Absent: Melody Hicklin

Juniors . . . Class of '78 . . .



Mary Adams



Martha Anthony



Evelyn Brice



Bill Cain



Dolores Childers



Terri Davis



Bobby Decker



Frank Dixon



Robin Dixon



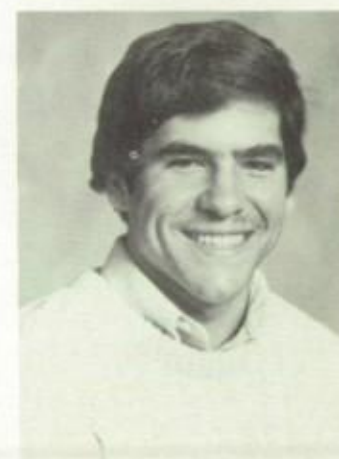
Scott Elmore



Danny Erwin



Susan Forst



Barney Garrison



Holly Harrison



Carolyn Hawkins



George Henry

Bright'n Shiny Class Rings... The Prom...



David Herndon



Rick Hinnant



Jim Huey



Freddie Kerr



Larry Kirsh



David Kiser



Mary Lee



Brad Little



Aymee Miller



Scott Paksoy



Rodger Peninger



Joe Rankin



Porter Rhoton



Beverly Smith



Anna Stowe



Barrett Whitener



Dennie Wilson

Robert-

(I could start it Eddie, knowing ^{Ha!} how much you like that name, but ^{Ha!} I'll be nice and not do that!)

I really do hate that you've graduated! Who will I talk to at parties now? I mean I won't get to hear about your "buddy" anymore (you know who I'm talking about), or about those speeding tickets. I really have enjoyed talking to you & parties will seem dull without you there to make some funny crack. And of course we'll all miss that famous line of yours, "I can't believe you said that"! You're a really nice guy! I guess one of the seniors I'll miss most too! I really enjoyed going to the Jr. - Sr. with you too, Boy! "I can't believe you danced that much"! And you can so dance too!



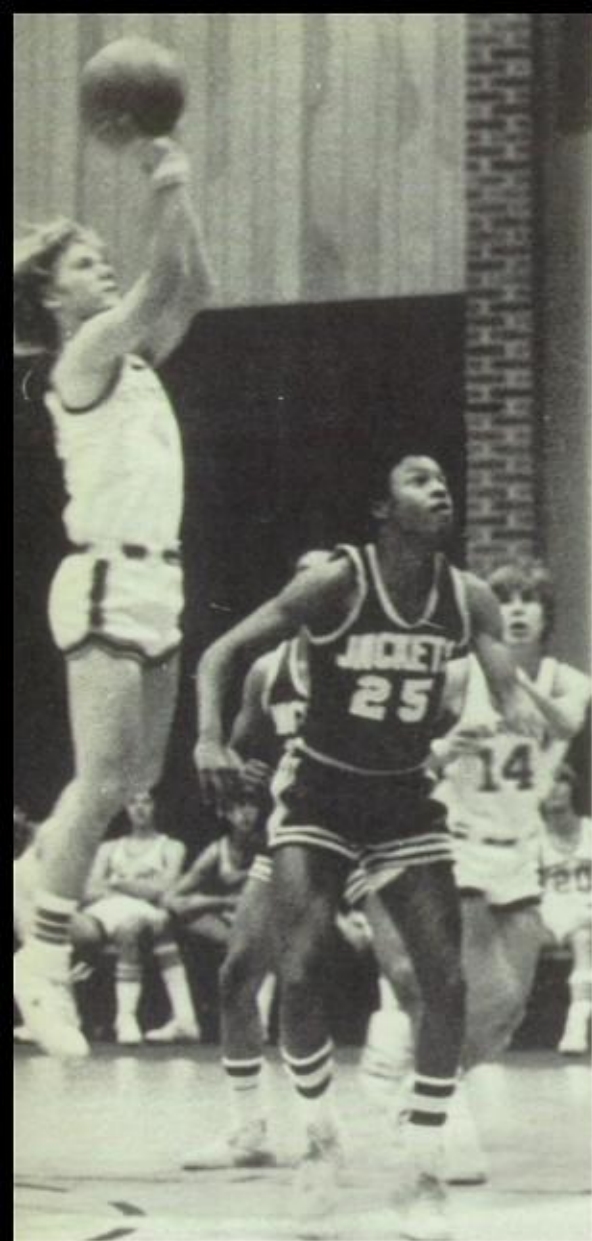
P.S. I can't believe they
put in here that you
went on Jr. Sr. decorating
committee last year.
I mean after all the
work you told me
you did on it.

I hope you have a good
summer & I hope to see you
at the beach! Don't
drink too much beer or
get any speeding tickets!
Lots of luck in college!

We sure will
miss you at
good 'ole GDS,
at least I will!

Love,
Dennie

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Kelley Anne Adams

Entered 1968; Beta Club 10, 11, 12; Chorus 9, 10, 11; CIRCA 70 10, 11, 12, Section Editor 11, 12; THE GASLIGHT 11, 12, Editor 12; Junior Heart Board 10, 11, 12; Junior Marshall 11; Jr.-Sr. Garden Committee 11; Jr.-Sr. Waitress 9; Monogram Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Softball 11, 12; Track 9, 10; Varsity Basketball 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Co-Captain 11, Captain 12, ALL CISAA 11; Varsity Volleyball 10, 11, 12, Captain 12; Miss Hustle 11; Vice President 12.



Mary Elizabeth Adams

Entered 1967; Chorus 9, 10, 11; CIRCA 70 10, 12; THE GASLIGHT 12; Junior Heart Board 10, 11, 12; Jr.-Sr. Food and Decorating Committees 11; Junior Varsity Cheerleader 9, 10; Varsity Cheerleader 11, 12, Co-Captain 11; Monogram Club 11, 12.





Sheila Renee Alwran

Entered 1969; Chorus 10, 11, 12; Monogram Club 11, 12; Pep Club 8, award 8, 9; Softball 11, 12; Track 9; Varsity Volleyball 11, 12.

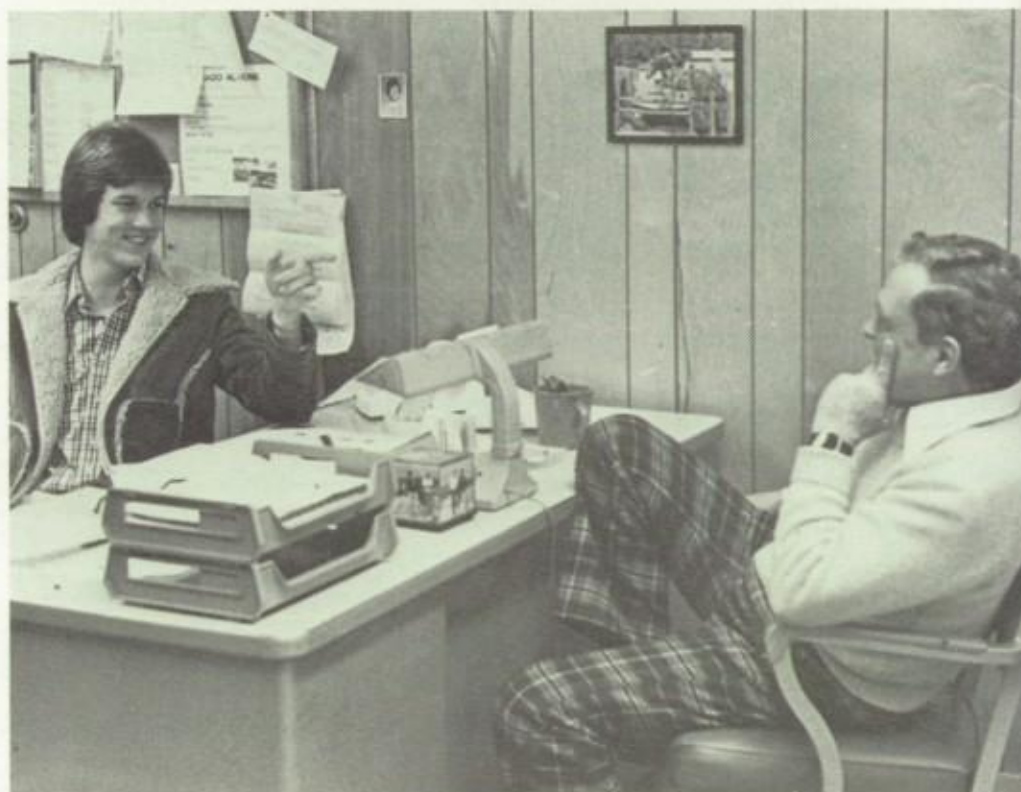
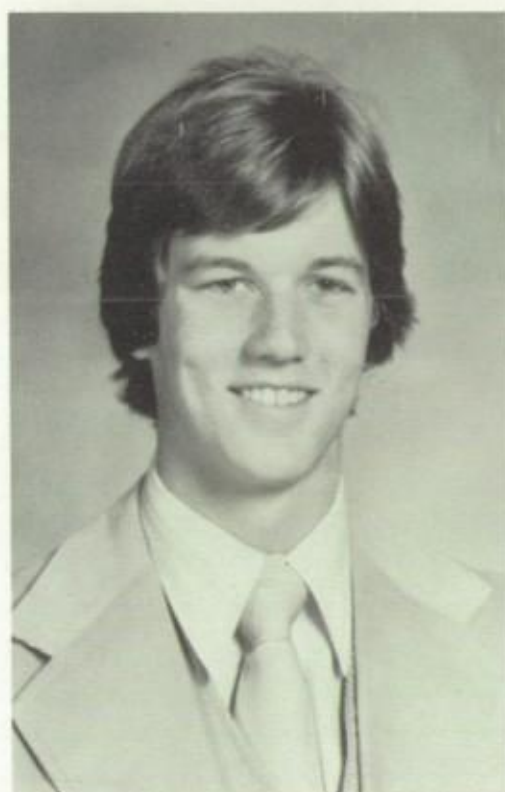
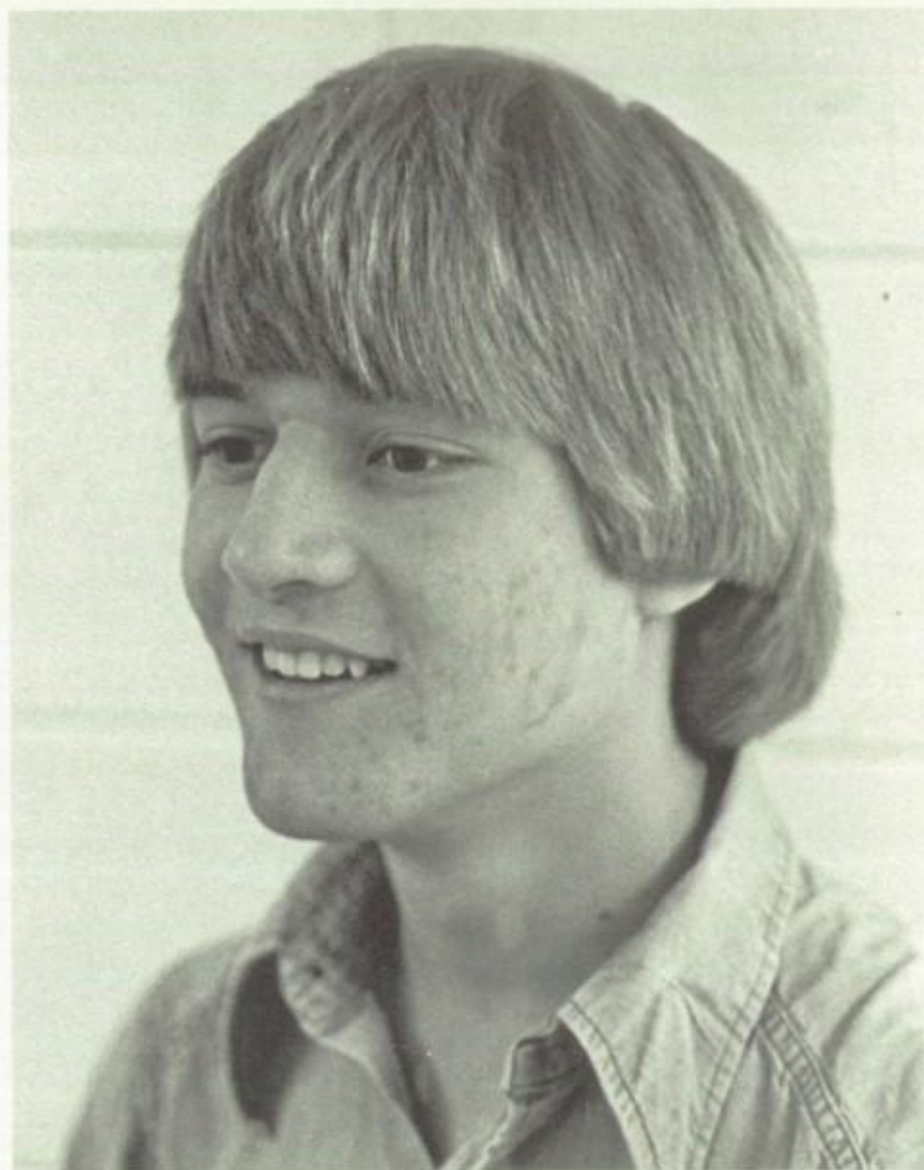


Amy LaRue Auten

Entered 1970; Chorus 9; Junior Heart Board 10; Junior Varsity Cheerleader 10; Varsity Cheerleader 11, 12; Jr.-Sr. Food and Decorating Committee 11; Monogram Club 11, 12; Secretary 10; Softball 11, 12, MVP 11.

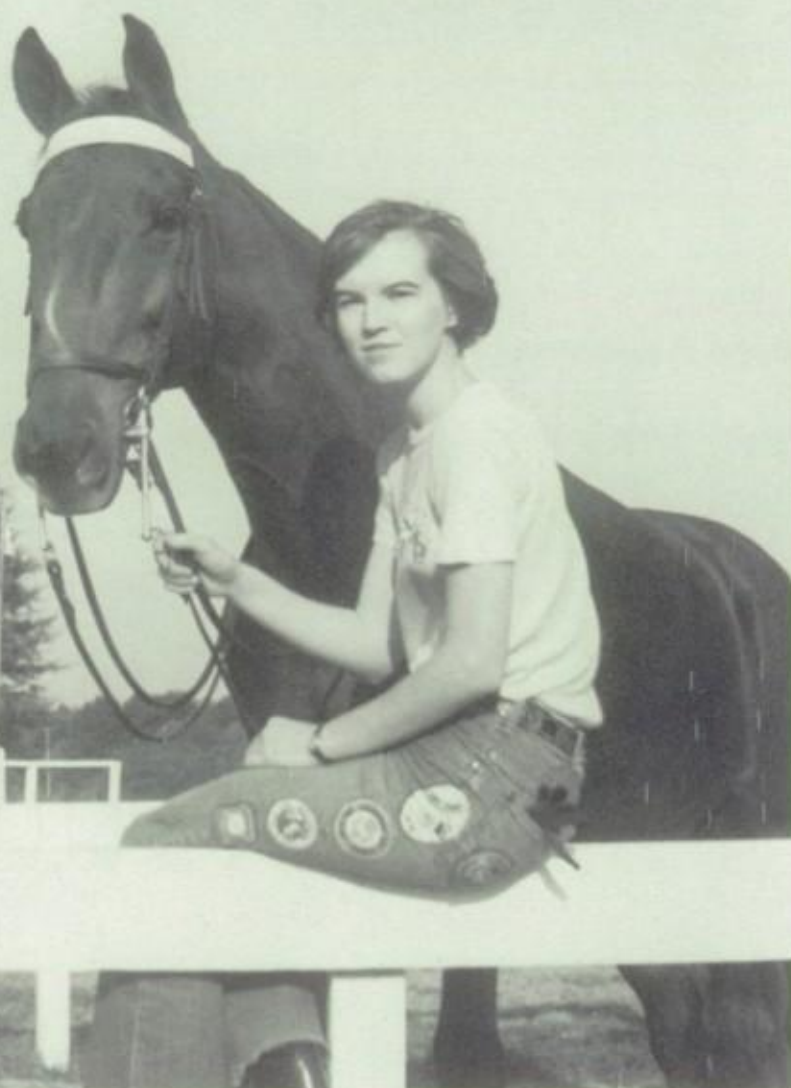
William Hannon Ball

Entered 1974; CIRCA 70, 10, 11; Debates 11; THE GASLIGHT 12, Business Manager 12; Junior Heart Board 10, 11, 12; Monogram Club 10, 11, 12; Track 10, 11, 12; Varsity Football 11.



Richard King Bryant

Entered 1970; Beta Club 10, 11, 12; Junior Marshall 11; Jr.-Sr. Decorating Committee 11; Monogram Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 12; Vice President 9; 7 & 8 Grade Basketball 7, 8; Junior Varsity Basketball 9, 10; Varsity Basketball 11, 12.



Kelly Ann Connor

Entered 1971; Beta Club 10, 11, 12, President 12; Chorus 9, 10, 11, 12; CIRCA 70 10, 11, 12; THE GASLIGHT 11, 12, Editorial Editor 12; Junior Heart Board 10, 11, 12; Jr.-Sr. Decorating Committee 11; Junior Marshal 11.



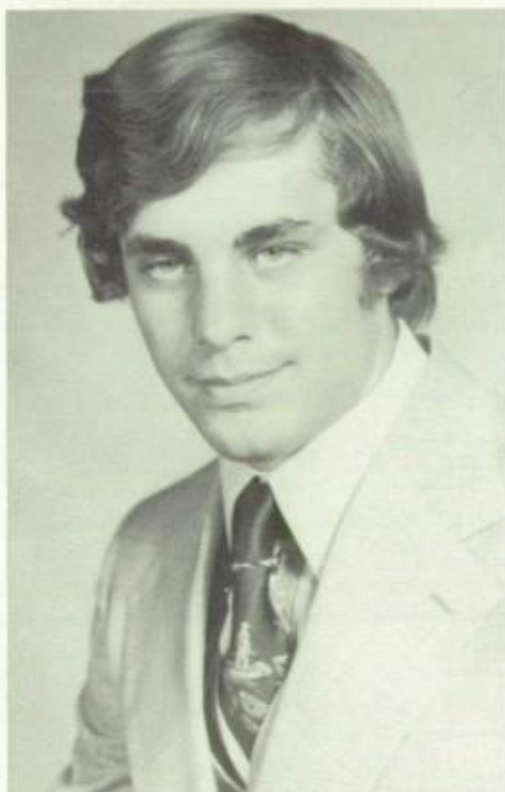
Stephen Jeffery Davis

Entered 1967; Monogram Club 10, 11, 12; Junior Varsity Football 9; Varsity Football 10, 11, 12.



Mary Carol Doster

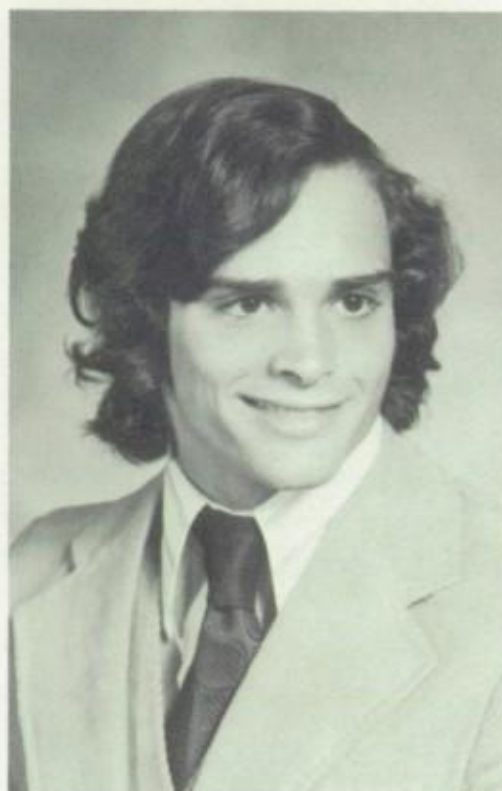
Entered 1967; CIRCA 70 10; Junior Heart Board 10; Monogram Club 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Softball 11, 12; Track 9, 10; Varsity Basketball 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Co-Captain 11, Captain 12, All CISAA 10, 11, All Tournament Western Regionals 10, 11, Best Defensive Player 11, Best Foul Shooter 10, Miss Hustle 10, MVP CISAA Conference Tournament 11; Varsity Volleyball 10, 11, 12, Captain 12.



Samuel Jerome Fleeman, Jr.

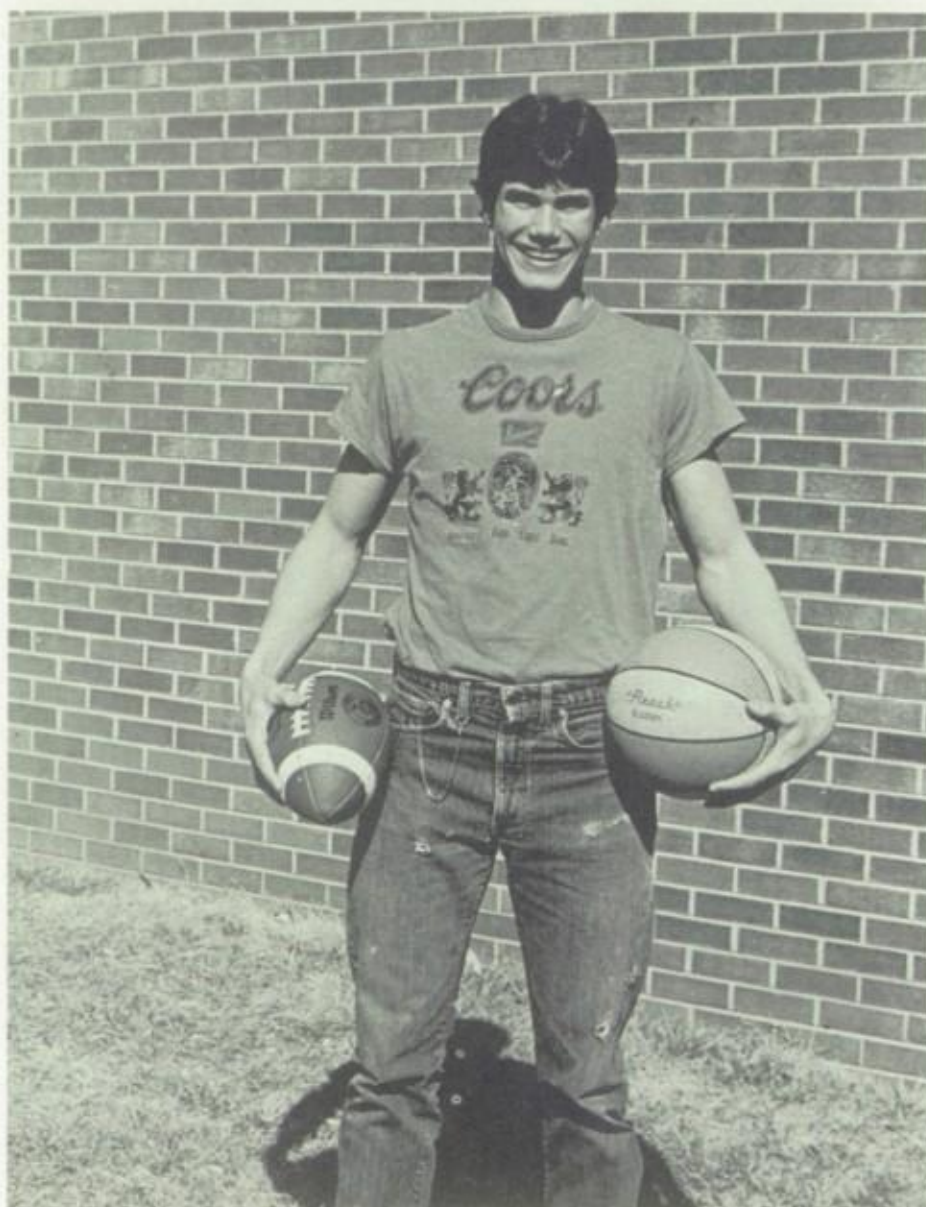
Entered 1973; Beta Club 10, 11, 12; Monogram Club 9, 10, 11, 12; National Merit Semifinalist 11; Track 9, 11, 12; Junior Varsity Basketball 9, 10; Junior Varsity Football 9; Varsity Football 11, 12.





Entered 1967; CIRCA 70 10; Monogram Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Junior Varsity Basketball 7; Junior Varsity Football 8; Varsity Football 9, 10, 11, 12.

Henry Lee Fowler, III



Entered 1975; Monogram Club 11, 12; Varsity Basketball 11, 12; Best Defensive Player 11; Varsity Football 11, 12; Best Back 11; Varsity Golf 11, 12.

David Scott Frye

Jeanne Marie Gardner

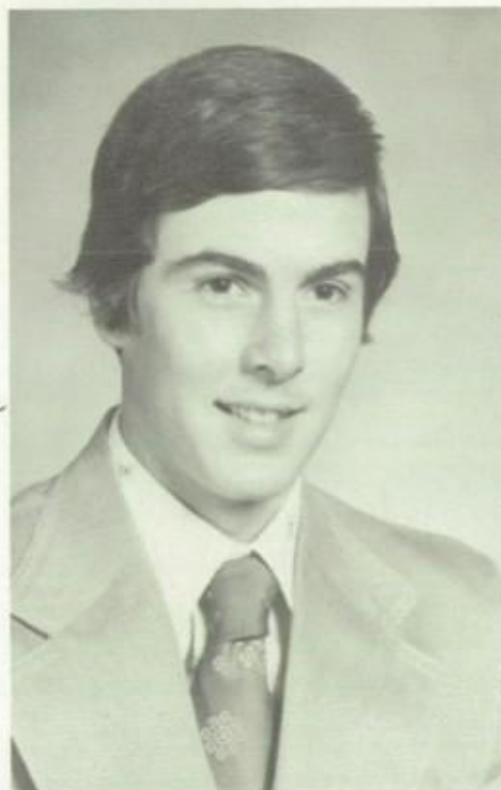
Entered 1974; Beta Club 11, 12; CIRCA 70 10, 11, 12, Student Life Editor 11, 12, Debates 11; THE GASLIGHT 11; Junior Heart Board 10, 11, 12, Secretary 10, Vice Chairman 11; Junior Class Marshall 11; Jr.-Sr. Formality Committee 11; Monogram Club 10, 11, 12; National Forensic League 9; President 11, 12; Softball 9, 10, 11, 12; Varsity Basketball 10.

Robert,
You're one of the people that I really hate leaving. I enjoyed going out with you, Fred, Tommy, Rick, etc. in the 10th grade. I know you say you won't make but I'm giving you my final apology for ~~at~~ Kelley's Party. I appreciate your understanding. I can honestly say that ~~it~~ I had the best time I've ever had eating dinner that night.



Your remarks and comments made Mrs. Wray English classes bearable and the Cjars classes enjoyable.

Since I'll be so far away I won't be in down very often so please don't think I'm an idiot if I call you or come by when I do get back. I'll bring patty and a bottle of brute.



William Sumter Henry

Entered 1960; Beta Club 10, 11, 12; Junior Marshall 11; Most Intelligent 12; Monogram Club 10, 11, 12; Vice President 10; Junior Varsity Football 7, 9; Varsity Football 10; Junior Varsity Basketball 11, 12, MVP Junior Varsity Basketball 9.



"I can't believe your name is Edward!"
 He! Just joking!
 Loveya,
 Dennie

Robert Edward Herndon

Entered 1971; Jr.-Sr. Decorating Committee 11; Monogram Club 11, 12; Junior Heart Board 10, 11; President 8; Junior Varsity Basketball 10; Varsity Basketball 11, 12; Junior Varsity Football 7, 10; Varsity Football 11, 12; Varsity Track 12.



Kathy Ross Hoffman

Entered 1967; Beta Club 11, Treasurer 11; Chorus 10, 11; CIRCA 70 10; THE GASLIGHT 11, 12; Junior Heart Board 10, 11; Jr.-Sr. Decorating Committee 11; Monogram Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Softball 11; Varsity Basketball 8, 9, 10; Varsity Cheerleader 11, 12.



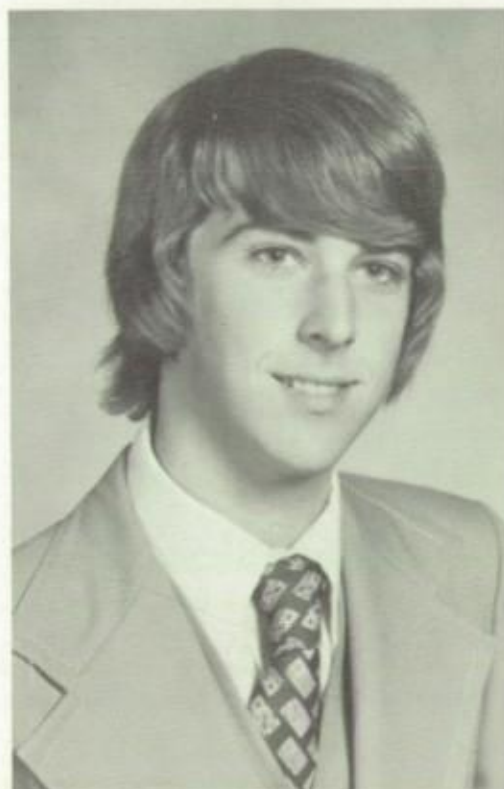
Patricia Gail Kakassy



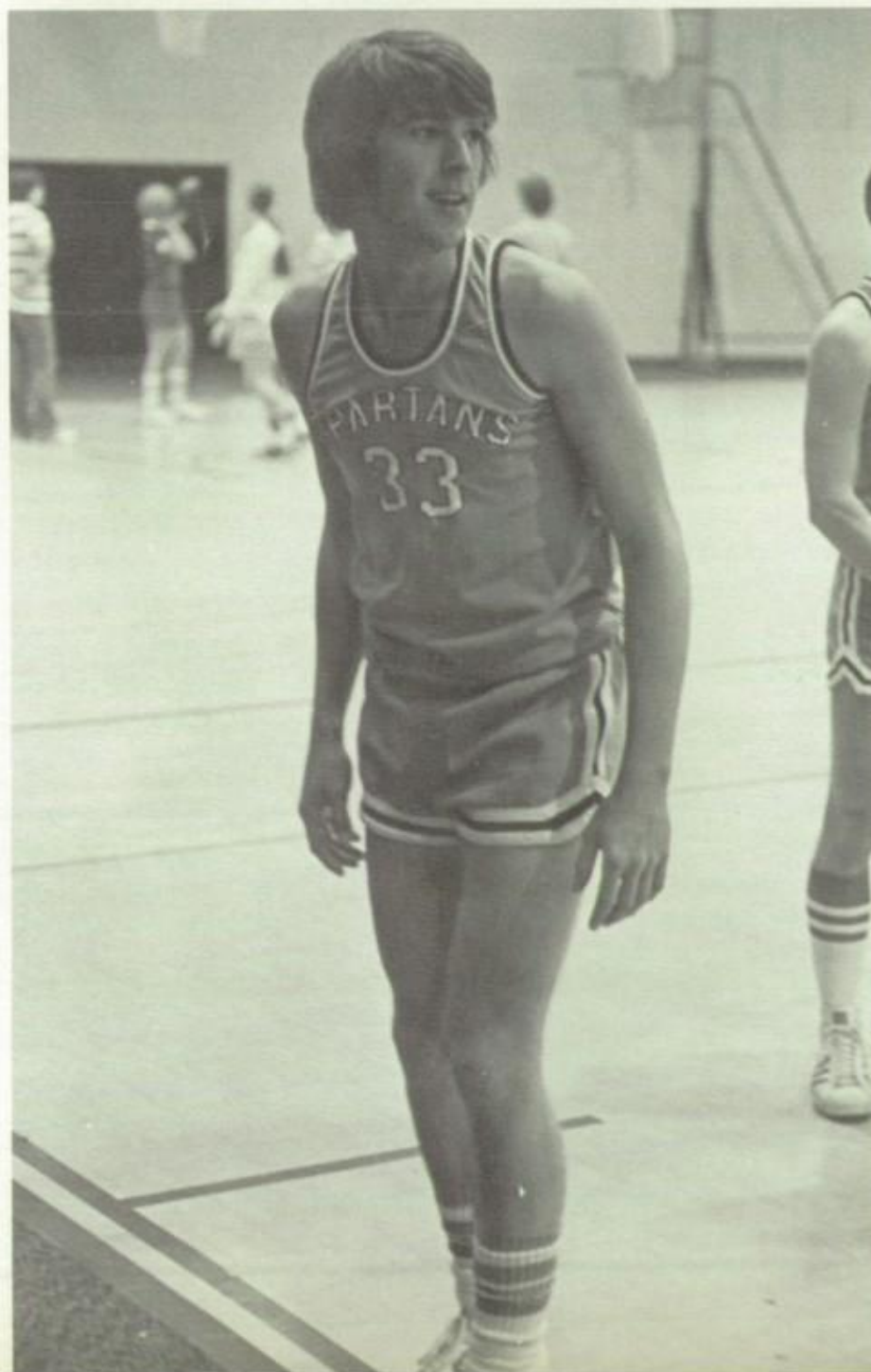
Entered 1973; Beta Club 11, 12; CIRCA 70 10, 11; THE GASLIGHT 11; Junior Heart Board 10, 11, Secretary 11; Monogram 9, 10, 11, 12; Secretary 9, 11; Softball 11, 12; Varsity Basketball 9, 10; Varsity Cheerleader 11, 12, Captain 12; Volleyball 10.



Thomas Marion Mattox, III



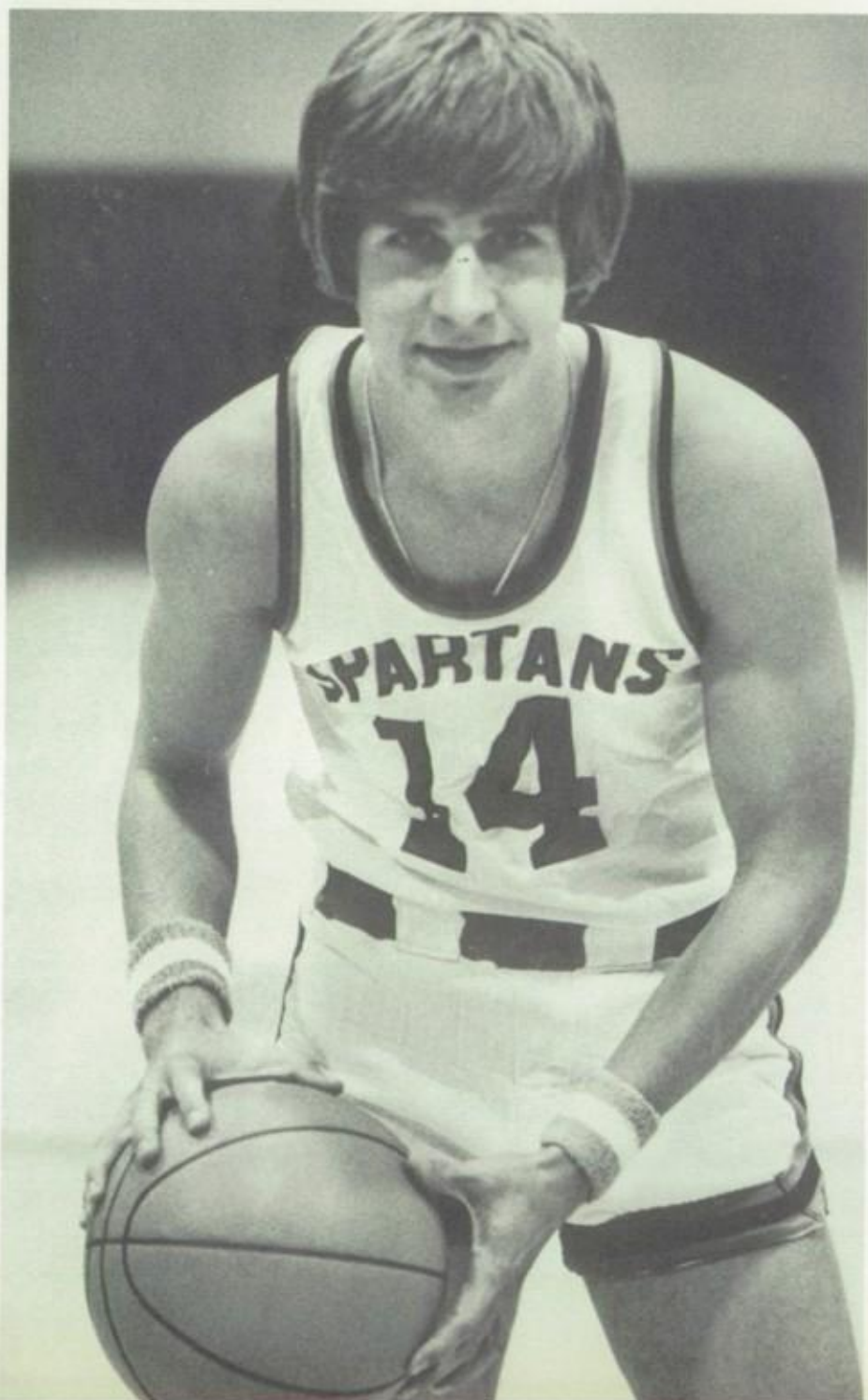
Entered 1970; Junior Heart Board 11; Jr.-Sr. Decorating Committee 11; Monogram Club 11, 12; Seventh and Eighth Basketball 7, 8; Junior Varsity Basketball 9, 10; Varsity Basketball 11, 12.



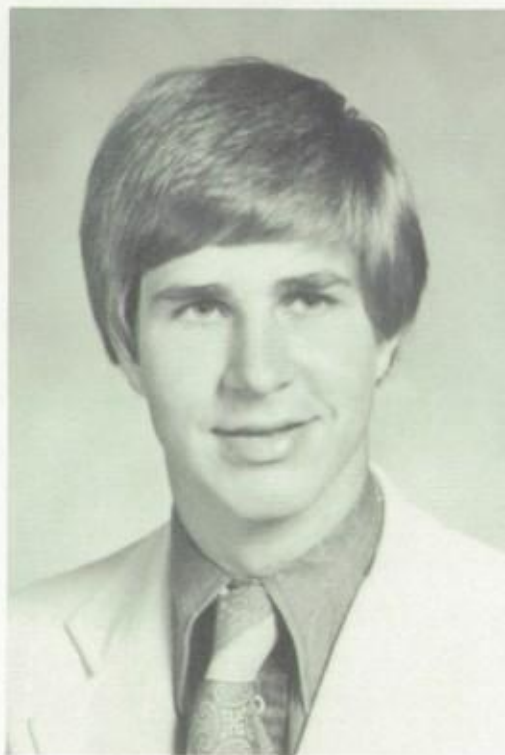
Margaret Reilley McCloskey



Entered 1971; Chorus 10; CIRCA 70 11, 12; THE GASLIGHT 12; Junior Heart Board 10, 11, 12; Jr.-Sr. Band and Food Committee 11; Monogram Club 11, 12; Varsity Basketball 8; Junior Varsity Cheerleader 9, 10; Varsity Cheerleader 11, 12; Softball Manager 11, 12.



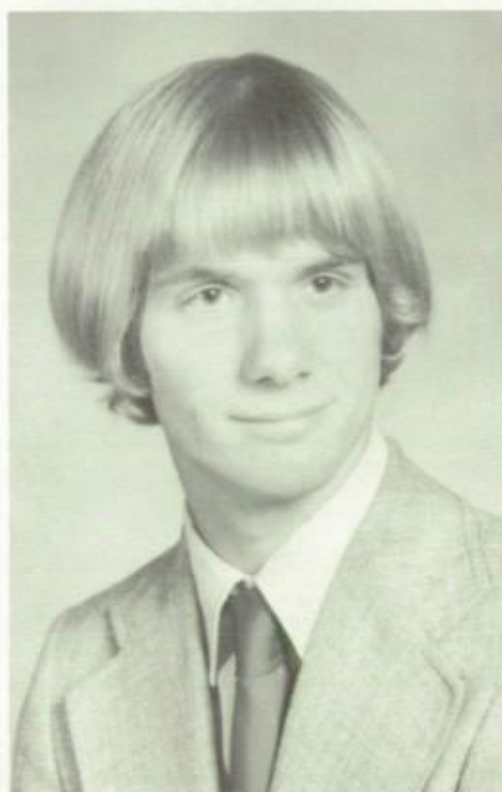
Fred Torrence Morrow, III



Entered 1972; Beta Club 11; THE GASLIGHT 11; Junior Heart Board 10, 11; Monogram Club 9, 10, 11, 12; President 9, 10; Secretary - Treasurer 12; Treasurer 11; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Junior Varsity Basketball 8, 9, 10; Varsity Basketball 11, 12; Junior Varsity Football 9; Varsity Football 10, 11, 12, Co-Captain 12.

David Carl Neisler

Entered 1968; Beta Club 10, 11; Monogram 9, 10, 11, 12; Junior Varsity Basketball 10; Varsity Basketball 11, 12; Junior Varsity Football 10; Varsity Golf 9, 10, 11, 12, Co-Captain 11, 12.



William Hayne Neisler

Entered 1968; Monogram Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Junior Varsity Basketball 10; Varsity Basketball 11, 12; Varsity Golf 9, 10, 11, 12, Co-Captain 11, 12.





Thomas Cheek Palmer

Entered 1973; Beta Club 10, 11, 12; CIRCA 70 10, 11; THE GASLIGHT 11; Junior Heart Board 10, 11; Vice President 9.



Peggy Melissa Patrick

Entered 1975; Beta Club 12; Chorus 11, 12; CIRCA 70 11, 12, Editor 12; Debates 11; Junior Heart Board 12, County Recording Secretary 12; Jr.-Sr. Decorating Committee 11.



William Gordon Quarles, Jr.

Entered 1967; CIRCA 70 11; Junior Heart Board 11, 12; Monogram Club 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Varsity Golf 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Co-Captain 11, 12; Junior Varsity Football 7, 9; Varsity Football 11, 12.



Alfred Robin Stepp

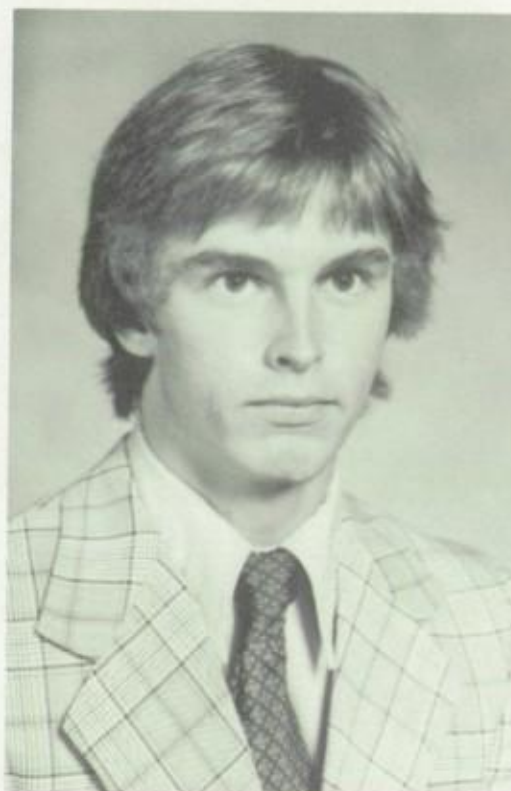
Entered 1967; Junior Heart Board 10; Monogram Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 10; Junior Varsity Football 7, 8; Varsity Football 9, 10, 11, 12.





Fred Neal Tindall

Entered 1974; Monogram Club 11, 12; Varsity Football 11, 12.



Henry Monroe Whitesides, Jr.

Entered 1970; CIRCA 70 10; Junior Heart Board 10, 11, 12; Jr.-Sr. Decorating Committee 11; Monogram Club 10, 11, 12; Junior Varsity Basketball 7, 8, 9; Varsity Tennis 10, 11, 12.

Roseanne Whitesides

Entered 1967; Beta Club 12; Chorus 9, 10, 11, 12; CIRCA 70 10, 11, 12, Business Manager 12; Junior Heart Board 10, 11, 12; Monogram Club 10, 11, 12; Varsity Volleyball 10, 11, 12.



*Friends depart
and memory takes them to her caverns,
pure and deep.*

Thomas Bayly



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Robert,

Imagine me, being the first person to sign your annual. How privileged! This year has been so much fun, talking to you at parties, and going down to the river, and remember from night when you wanted to order a hamburger! I can't believe you did that! I have would this year have been without that famous saying! But seriously, I have loved getting to know you this year, you better promise to come back and visit next year, I'm going to miss you.

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Mary



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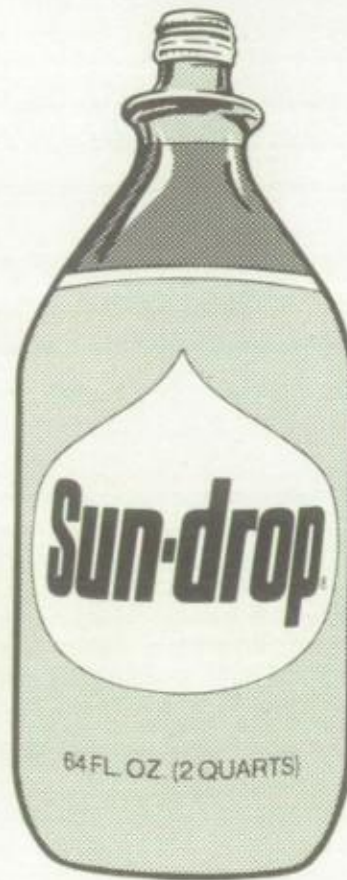
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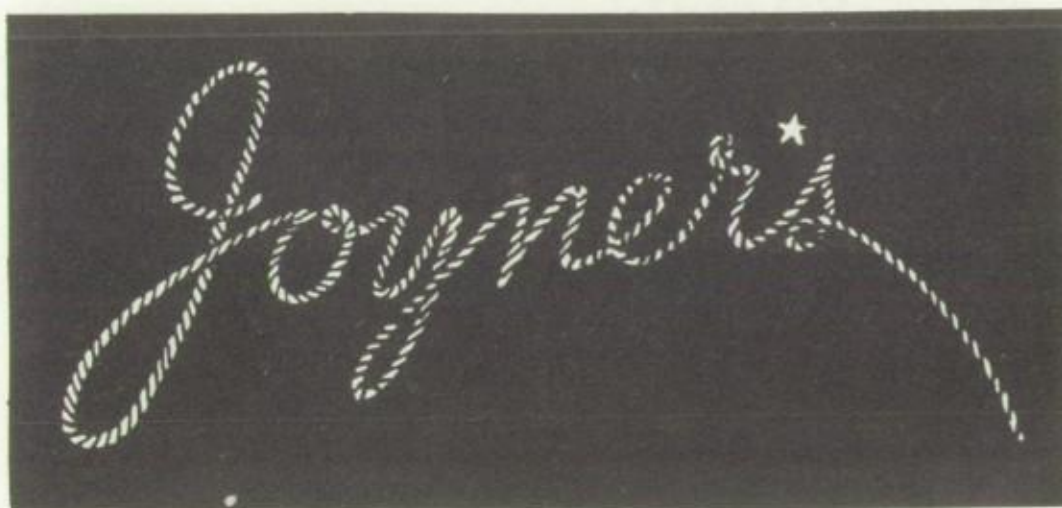
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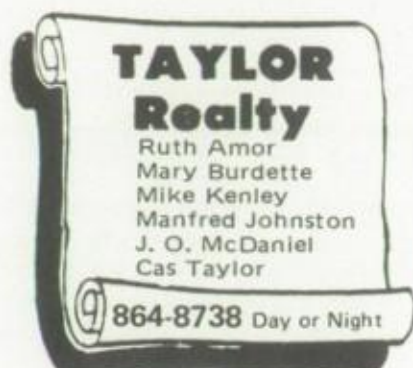
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Sudden bursts of inspiration, moments of desperation, occasional tears, and hours of dedicated hard work are the elements that have made the 1977 CIRCA 70 the true realization of a dream. With deep gratitude, I would like to acknowledge the contributions and efforts of the special people who have made this seventh volume of CIRCA 70 possible. I wish to thank my staff for their tireless giving of time, creativity, and enthusiasm to their work on the yearbook. I could not have hoped for a more wonderful group of people to work with. I want to give a special thanks to Miss Shirley Brindle for her artwork which appears on the dividers. Invaluable contributions of photography and pictures were made by THE GASTONIA GAZETTE and Jerry Stroupe. I am very grateful for the guidance, patience, and reassurance of Mr. Al Butto, our Keys Representative. I also express my thanks to the administration and faculty of Gaston Day, who patiently endured the goings and comings of staff members.

To the students of Gaston Day, this yearbook is for you. Many years hence perhaps you will leaf through this dusty old volume in remembrance of your days at Gaston Day. If this book can, for an instant, make these times come alive again in your heart, then its purpose will have been fulfilled.

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*Farewell to you
and the youth I have spent with you.
It was but yesterday
we met in a dream.*





*You have sung to me
in my aloneness,
and I of your longings
have built a tower
in the sky.*



Robert,

This year would not have been the same with your "Can't believe it's!!". Thank you for being a friend. Although people that know you better say that you're ~~shy~~ the last thing from shy, You'll always be shy, sweet, and friendly Robert Herndon! Stay as you are, and enjoy college, the beach, and the rest of your life.

Love ya, sleep has fled
Susan and our dream
is over,
and it is
no longer
dawn.

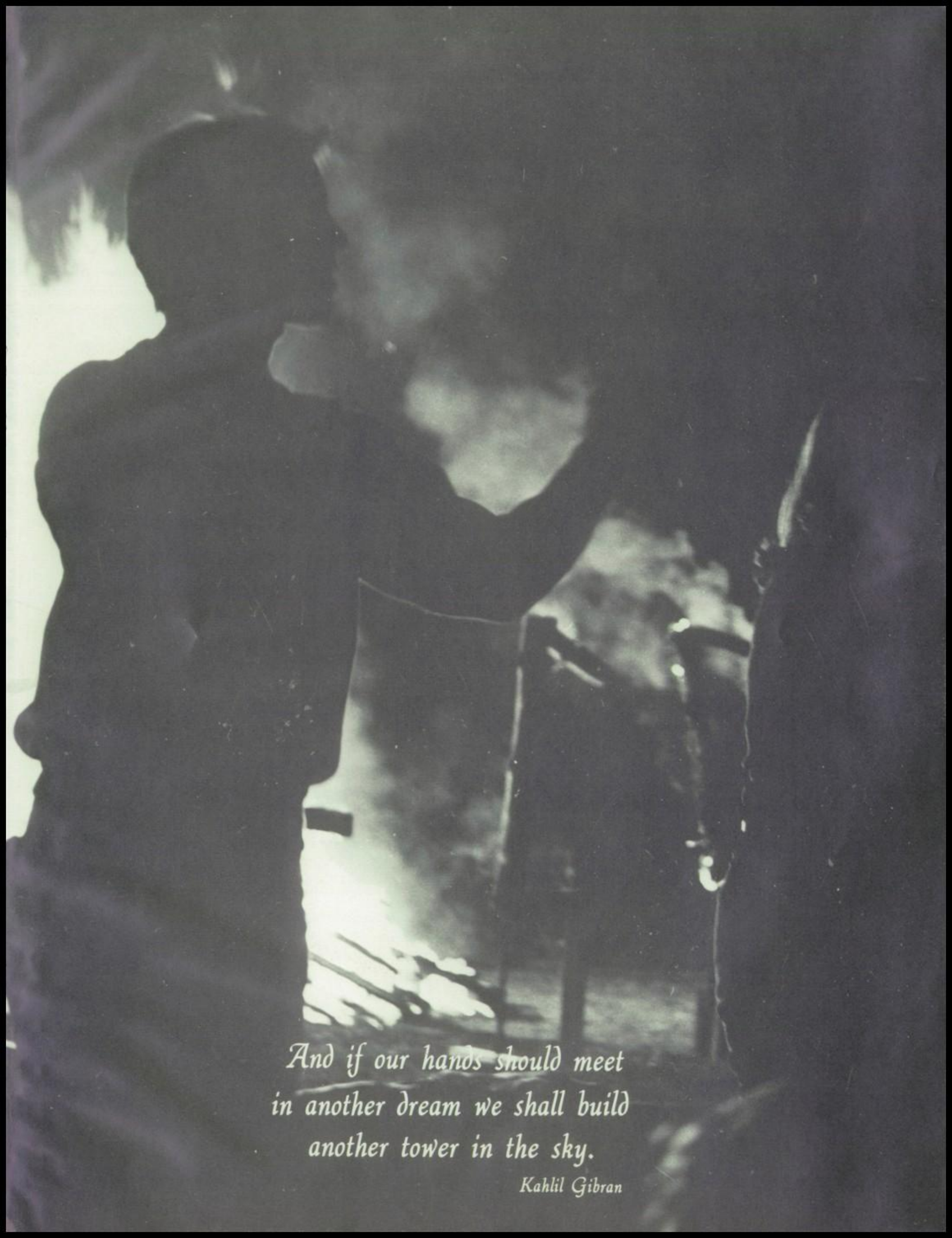




*The noontide is
upon us and
our half waking
has turned
to fuller
day, and we
must part.*

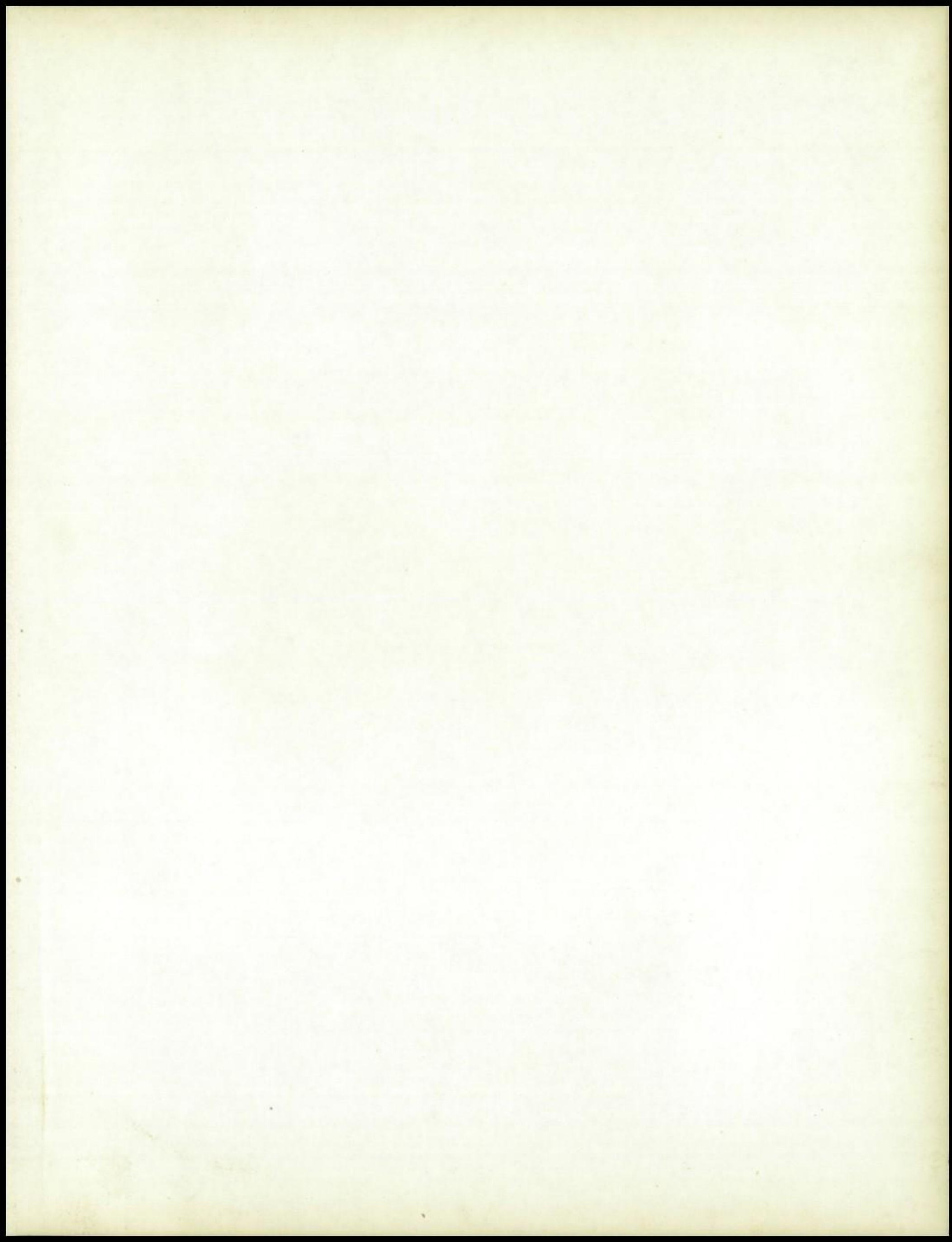


*If in the twilight
of memory
we should meet
once more,
we shall speak again together
and you shall
sing to me
a deeper song.*



*And if our hands should meet
in another dream we shall build
another tower in the sky.*

Kahlil Gibran



Bolshes.

Well your out! Hard to
believe it isn't it. I
Really have enjoyed mocking
your ego out & don't forget
our most memorable apenice:
When I muffed you ass right
in front of everyone at Huss!!

Don't forget about how the
music was so loud at Rick's (Neish's)
that you couldn't hear what that
Stupid lady was saying! Stay cool
and don't raise too much Hee at
Collage! Come see us punky senior
at "The Day". Have a good summer.

Friends & Buddies

"I can't believe
I did that at Huss!
I just can't believe it"

Joe

(Eddie)
 can't be-
 ve I'm the
 second privileged
 person to sign your
 annual. To be original I'm
 ng to write a short poem.

Roses are red
 Violets are blue
 Some poems rhyme
 But not this one.
 This year has been for
 It's gone by fast.
 But we all knew
 It couldn't last.
 Parties at Aynne's
 Times at the river
 All in the process
 of picking your liver.
 If you can't understand
 This little chit-chat
 Just let it go
 with "I can't believe you said that."
 Good wishes always, have fun in college, & come see us
 back at GOS.

Love,
 Beverly

Robert, (Eddie)

I really enjoyed working
 with you during football
 and basketball & baseball.

I hope your shoulder

is better. Have a good

summer & come back

to see us.

Bobby

Love ya!
 Mynte

I know this is going to
 sound true but "I can't believe
 you've graduated. I'm really
 going to miss you at my parties
 next year. I don't know what
 else to say except I'll come
 visit you at college if you come
 to visit when you come home.

DEAR Robert,

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